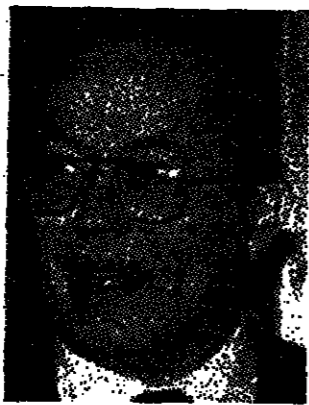


North and Poindexter in slush fund for Contra rebels scandal

Reagan aides go in arms deal row

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In an astonishing disclosure that added to the fire in America over the Iran affair, President Reagan announced yesterday that Admiral John Poindexter, his National Security Adviser, had resigned, and Colonel Oliver North, the shadowy military adviser in the NSC had been sacked, following a secret operation in which money from arms sales to Iran was diverted for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.



Admiral Poindexter: Asked to be posted back to Navy.

No successor to Admiral Poindexter has yet been appointed, and Mr Reagan said a full commission would now undertake a "comprehensive review" of the role and procedures of the National Security Council staff in the conduct of foreign and national security policy.

Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, promising to give full and immediate details to Congress, said that between \$10 million (\$7.1 million) and \$30 million was taken by representatives of Israel, who sold the US-made weapons to Iran, put into Swiss bank accounts established by supporters of the Contras, and diverted to Central America.

Nothing in the US Government knew about this apart from Colonel North, though Admiral Poindexter was aware for some time that

this transaction, which "raises serious questions of propriety".

Over the weekend a Justice Department investigation had shown that one aspect of the President's Iran policy was "seriously flawed".

He said: "I'm deeply troubled that the implementation of a policy aimed at resolving a truly tragic situation in the Middle East has resulted in such controversy."

He added: "While I cannot reverse what has happened, I'm initiating steps to assure that the implementation of all future foreign policy and national security policy initiatives will proceed only in accordance with my authorization."

The disclosure of the slush fund for the Contras comes as a bombshell as the Administration struggles to regain credibility.

The Swiss accounts were set up at a time when official US

Government aid to the Contras was banned by Congress. All the arms were sent after January 1986, but the \$100 million in military and humanitarian aid voted by Congress this year has only just begun to be transferred to the Contras.

The evidence of a Contra link came to light when Justice Department investigators found an apparent discrepancy between what the

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arms should have cost and what was actually received from the Iranians. Precise details are still being sought, and Mr Meese was unable to say whether any US citizens had broken the law in the transactions.

The Administration has told Congress that the value of the US arms supplies to Iran was about \$12 million. All of this was received by the Department of Defence.

It appears that the Israelis - who, Mr Meese insisted, were acting on their own and not as government officials - were paid far more for the arms by the Iranians than anyone knew. They then, with the presumed encouragement of Colonel North and Contra supporters, paid the balance into the Swiss accounts for the Contras to draw on.

Mr Meese, under a barrage of questions, said that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who strongly advised against the arms sales to Iran, would stay at his post. So also would all the other Administration officials, including Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff.

He refused to criticize Mr Shultz's public disavowal of himself from the Administration over the affair and he denied that he had recommended with other California

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Colonel North: Shadowy military adviser sacked from the National Security Council.

Chelsea barracks bomber gets life

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Patrick McLaughlin, sentenced to life for an INLA plot to bomb Chelsea barracks, went to prison last night leaving behind a terrorist trail linking the Irish terrorist group to Action Directe in France.

McLaughlin, aged 26, unemployed from Londonderry, was told by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones at the Central Criminal Court. "There is only one sentence appropriate, prison for life."

Part of the 40lbs of explosives planted by McLaughlin and his unit last November is thought to be from a cache stolen by Action Directe.

The explosives left outside the barracks included French material called Gelsurite and used by Action Directe. A consignment of the explosive was stolen in France in 1984.

The left wing French terrorist group was held responsible last week for the killing of the head of Renault, in France. It is known to have shared explosives with the Communist Fighting Cells in Belgium and the Red Army Faction in West Germany.

Members of the INLA unit travelled to London last year in a Ford camper van which was taken from Northern Ireland to France and Belgium. The man who bought the camper in Ulster was held in June this year at Le Havre with four others when French police halted what they alleged was a major INLA gun smuggling operation.

The camper was the transporter for an explosives consignment intended to mark the return of the INLA to the British mainland. The INLA has been dormant on the mainland since its first and only attack in 1979 which killed Mr Airey Neave, the Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland.

The target for the attack by a unit of up to half a dozen was to be Chelsea Barracks and the total explosives, twice the amount used at Harrods, would have created carnage.

The plan may have been to explode one small device, leading police and soldiers towards larger devices, packed with nuts and bolts, to create lethal shrapnel. The unit may also have planned a series of

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Murders suspect arrested

By Our Crime Reporter

Detectives investigating the murder of a schoolgirl, and two young women, in attacks over the past year in London, Hertfordshire and Surrey, were last night questioning a man arrested on Sunday.

The suspect is being questioned about the death of Alison Day, aged 19, whose body was found in a canal last January; Maartje Tamboezer, aged 15, who was attacked near Guildford in April, and Anne Lock, a recently married television worker who vanished last May.

Her body was found six weeks later.

All three victims were assaulted and strangled. The man behind the killings has also been linked to a long list of rapes and attacks, in London, under investigation by Operation Hart, a special Scotland Yard unit

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MPs agog at MI5 man's claims on role of Rothschild

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Whitehall's latest security row brought growing signs of severe Government embarrassment in the Commons yesterday.

MPs were agog at the latest claims from former MI5 employee, Mr Peter Wright, about the role played by Lord Rothschild, a former head of the Downing Street Think Tank, in persuading Mr Wright to pass information to author Mr Chapman Pincher in 1980.

They wanted to know whether he was acting with the connivance of No 10, the agreement of the security services or merely off his own bat in persuading Mr Wright to make his revelations that way rather than by passing them direct to the Prime Minister as he had first wanted to do.

In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher sought to turn the attack on Labour, with the implied complaint that Mr Neil Kinnock and his colleagues had abandoned the traditional bi-partisan policy on security issues.

This brought angry protests at the end of Question Time from Mr Neil Kinnock who insisted that the only question he had raised related to the decision of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General,

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Sangster appoints Hills

Barry Hills will today succeed Michael Dickinson as trainer at Robert Sangster's racing establishment at Manton in Wiltshire. The deal was sealed at a restaurant in London's West End yesterday.

Hills, a lifelong friend of Sangster, will also continue to run his South Bank stable in Lambourn for the next year.

The trainer, 50 in April, has gained classic victories with Enstone Spark (1,000 Guineas) and Tap On Wood (2,000 Guineas) and won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 1973 with Rheingold.

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Shadowy world of disgraced colonel

By Philip Jacobson

If half the rumours about Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver L. North that have been doing the rounds in Washington are true, President Reagan was employing a combustible combination of "gun-ho" adventure and deep-thinking professional soldier. But as befits the man said to have been running the Administration's most sensitive clandestine operations for the past five years, North was a distinctly shadowy and elusive figure.

Journalists investigating his reported involvement at the centre of the White House's controversial weapons-for-American hostages negotiations with Iran soon found the National Security Council, where North worked as Deputy Director of Political-Military Affairs had even forbidden the release of his previous record with the Marine Corps.

Former comrades from the 43-year-old North's days in counter-insurgency warfare in Vietnam were hardly more communicative about allegations that he had been responsible for recruiting and supervising a private network of Vietnam veterans to parachute military supplies to the Nicaraguan Contras after the 1984 vote in Congress to cut off all US military aid.

It was no more possible to confirm seemingly well-informed reports that North had been involved in advance planning of the American invasion of Granada in 1983 and subsequently in the

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Fowler backs free needles

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is close to a decision to issue free needles to drug addicts as part of the campaign against Aids.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, supports the idea and a decision will be taken shortly by Lord Whitelaw's Cabinet committee, which is co-ordinating government action against the disease.

Mr Fowler and Mr Tony Newton, the Minister of Health, are expected to prevail, despite the opposition of several ministers, who believe free needles might encourage drug abuse.

Mr Fowler believes free needles would discourage addicts from re-using infected ones - a prime factor in the spread of Aids.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Fowler said latest estimates suggested there would be 3,000 new cases of Aids in 1988.

He promised government help for telephone lines for bodies like the Terence Higgins Trust, which provide counselling on Aids. This is because of the steep increase in calls following the Government's publicity campaign.

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Attempt to limit trial waiting times

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government is to bring in statutory limits next spring on the time defendants can be held in custody before trial.

They will mean that defendants will be released on bail when prosecutors fail to bring their cases to trial within a specified number of days, although they will still face proceedings.

The time limits, which are aimed at cutting the long waiting times for defendants, will initially apply to three police force areas - Avon and Somerset, the West Midlands and Kent. They will be extended to the rest of the country in 1988.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, told MPs yesterday that the time limits were intended to "introduce a discipline into

the system and curb the worst delays."

The Government estimates that 10 to 15 per cent of cases will fail to meet the time limits.

Courts will have power to grant the prosecution an extension of time if satisfied there is good reason. Unlike in Scotland, which already has statutory time limits, cases will not be struck off the lists.

The new limits will be 56 days from first appearance before magistrates to summary trial, or 70 days to committal. In the Crown Court the limit will be 112 days from committal to taking of plea.

At present waiting times for the crown court average 18 weeks in London and nine weeks elsewhere.

Falklands vote carried

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Britain suffered a crushing diplomatic defeat yesterday over its Falklands policy as the United Nations General Assembly voted 116 to four, with 34 abstentions, to support Argentina's demand that negotiations over sovereignty be a key element in any Anglo-Argentine reconciliation.

The defeat was further compounded as an intensive British lobbying effort to prevent further European failed to bear fruit as the Netherlands

Britain is back in the black

By David Smith

Britain's balance of payments edged into surplus last month thanks to an increase in the estimated overseas earnings of the City and other service industries.

But the underlying trade position was weak. Last month's trade deficit of £835 million was just better than the September deficit of £885 million. In the past three months, the value of exports has been flat, while imports have risen by 8 per cent.

Last month, imports climbed above £7 billion and exports were £6.2 billion. Government officials said there were indications that export growth was increasing and that growth in imports was slowing down.

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CID chief talks to Brady

By Ian Smith
Northern Correspondent

Ian Brady, the Moors murderer, spent two hours closeted yesterday in a hospital ward with the senior detective leading a new search for graves on desolate Saddleworth Moor in Greater Manchester.

The unexpected confrontation took place in Newman Ward of Park Lane special hospital on Merseyside, shortly after Det Chief Supt Topping, joint head of Greater Manchester CID, arrived for a meeting with hospital officials and Brady's solicitor to arrange a visit with the convicted murderer.

After less than an hour's discussion he was ushered into the room where Brady was waiting and for the next two hours the two sat huddled in conversation, watched by Brady's solicitor Mr Benedict Birnberg.

As he left Det Chief Supt Topping refused to disclose what new information had been supplied and would not speculate on the likelihood of his seeing Brady again.

Special arrangements for the visit were made in the hope that Brady would break his 22-year silence and disclose what other bodies he buried on the moorland and where they might be unearthed.

According to Mr Birnberg, who arrived at the hospital with letters exchanged between Brady and Hindley during their first six years in detention, his client was determined he would not be used as a scapegoat by his former accomplice.

After the meeting, Mr Birnberg said that he did not expect Brady to visit the moor within the foreseeable future.

Heavenly rain lets Sudan live again

From Charles Harrison
Khartoum

Rains from the heavens and charity from the world have led to bumper harvests in many parts of Sudan allowing the country to export 200,000 tons of sorghum to Saudi Arabia.

It is a marked contrast to the situation early this year, when international aid agencies were appealing for help to fight a famine which threatened two million people.

Millions of pounds of aid from various channels, including famine relief events organized by the Irish rock star Bob Geldof, have helped to revive the stricken economy.

In Nyala, 600 miles to the west, the Save the Children Fund, which at one time was feeding thousands of malnourished children, is closing down its operation.

The Belgian section of Medicines sans Frontiers has turned its attention from nutrition and famine projects to an operation designed to revive and rehabilitate health services in the Darfur region - supplying drugs to government dispensaries, repairing buildings and training Sudanese health personnel.

Darfur now has enough food from its own resources and grain prices have dropped to a tenth of those obtaining last year.

Market prices for cattle, goats and camels have increased sharply because livestock owners want to replace the herds they lost in the drought and are unwilling to sell animals for slaughter.

This part of western Sudan has additional problems caused by the civil war in Chad, with 126,000 Chadian refugees living in overcrowded reception centres.

The guerrilla war still causes widespread malnutrition in southern areas where farmers have been displaced or where normal communications are cut. But the arrival of the dry season has given government forces an advantage over the Sudan People's Liberation Army rebels and surface communication has been re-established with many areas which were cut off when the rains hampered road transport and provided the rebels with ambush cover.

The Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation, Mr Sayed Karnal Shawki, says there could still be a million people in need of food in the country's south.

His organization is building up food stocks now, but does not want people to become dependent on food handouts. "It is better to encourage them to feed themselves," he says.

One of the greatest challenges is to expand local food production and to increase storage in good crop years. The EEC is supporting large-scale development projects in the Nuba Mountains and the Jebel Mara highlands.

Farmers who follow the advice are getting bigger crops and there is a steady increase in the numbers enrolling in the two schemes.

Tomorrow
The ear of the President



In the troubled White House Nancy Reagan is no ordinary First Lady. A profile of the most influential adviser of them all.

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mrs J.W. Smith of Ferndown, Dorset. Details, page 3.

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Dollar falls

The dollar fell below two marks, hit by a sharp drop in US factory orders and loss of market confidence in the Reagan Administration after the Poindexter resignation. Page 21

Barclays slide

Shares in Barclays Bank slid 10p to 477p after rising sharply on Monday when the company announced it was selling its stake in Barclays National Bank of South Africa. Page 21

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Higgins' fate

Alex Higgins, the former snooker world champion, today faces the possibility of a long suspension after allegedly butting a tournament director in the face. Page 42

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Calls to the Bar in the Michaelmas term are published today. Page 18

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Bill aims to curb pro-gay councils

A Bill to stop left-wing councils actively promoting homosexuality in schools was unexpectedly introduced in the House of Lords last night.

Shipyard cuts jobs

Harland & Wolff, the state-owned Belfast shipbuilders, will start paying off 800 workers in February - 600 permanent employees and 200 short-term contract workers - because of the shortage of merchant ship orders.

High-rise Australia flats call

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has been asked to reopen the Roman Point inquiry, held into the partial collapse of the 22-storey tower block in Newham, east London, in 1968.

Language lesson

Kelly Greene, aged 11, has been asked to leave a school at Leytonstone, in east London, because she refused to do an Urdu language "taster" course.



Convoy ambushed

More than 150 anti-nuclear protesters ambushed a Cruise missile convoy three times before dawn yesterday as it returned from a Salisbury Plain exercise to the United States Air Force base at Greenham Common, Berkshire.

Print discipline demand renewed

Print union leaders will today renew their demands for the electricians' union to be disciplined for allowing its members to work at the News International plant at Wapping when they meet the general council of the Trades Union Congress in London.

Cautions rise for drunkenness offences

A revolution in the treatment by police of drunkenness is disclosed by official figures yesterday (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

Rothschild accused of corrupting MI5 author

Allegations that Lord Rothschild and the author, Mr Chapman Pincher, colluded to persuade the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, to help with the book on the security service, 'Their Trade is Treachery', were strongly denied yesterday.

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number of findings of guilt and cautions fell in all age groups except for persons aged 18 and under 21. Cautions are given by police at home if people are in firm, elderly or suffering stress.

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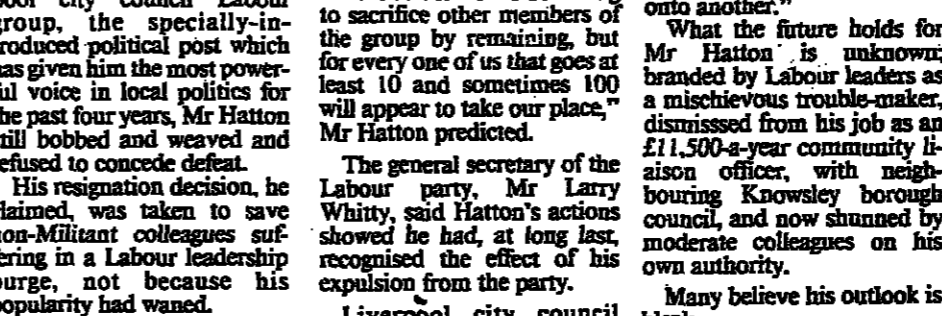
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Mr Don Concannon, MP for Mansfield, told the Commons that clauses in the Government's Coal Bill, which give the UDM equal rights to the NUM on charitable and similar bodies, were necessary to bring "some kind of sense and harmony to my area as well as a sense of fairness".

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Don't vote for Labour say private schools

By Mark David Education Reporter

Independent schools on Merseyside have embarked upon a political campaign to warn parents of the dangers of voting for the Labour Party in the next general election.

Flexibility hope from new exam

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Mr Tony Mulhearn (left) with Mr Tony Byrne and Mr Derek Hatton, who resigned as deputy leader of Liverpool council's Labour group, yesterday.

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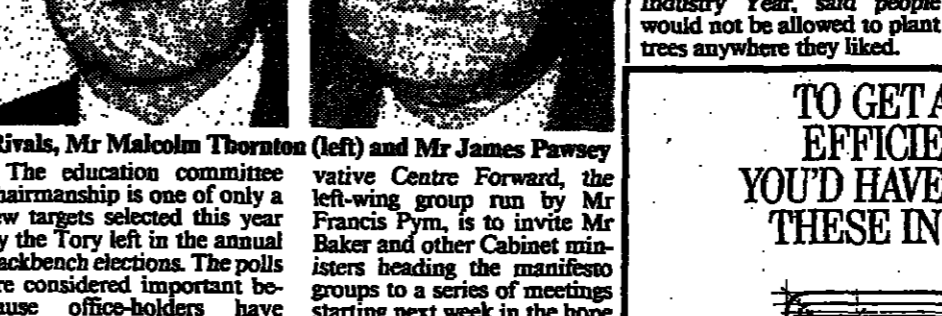
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Advertisement for Domestic Damp treatment, describing a solution for condensation in homes.

Advertisement for Servowarm Energy Manager System, highlighting its efficiency and ease of installation.

Advertisement for Servowarm Energy Manager System, including a contact form for requesting more information.

Owen calls for less TV violence in attempt to reduce horrific crimes

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Violence on television should be reduced as part of a new crusade to reduce horrifying crimes, Dr David Owen said yesterday.

The SDP leader coupled his plea to the BBC and IBA with a demand for Parliament to legislate against the sale and advertising of a wide range of weapons including battle knives, knuckle dusters, and crossbows - many of which are bought by teenagers after seeing them used on television.

He predicted the two-pronged move would help promote an anti-violent society. "We might not see any benefits for 15 years in the crime statistics, but surely the time has come when it is worth a try."

Dr Owen, who was speaking to the British Society of Magazine Editors in London, said violence against people

had increased by 7 per cent to 122,000 cases last year, while recorded offences of rape rose dramatically by 29 per cent in 1985.

"We cannot go on like this. We risk conditioning ourselves to accept violence as part of our day-to-day lives. Violence is a pollution. It is time we acted across a wide range of activity."

Dr Owen's plea came a week after he attended a community meeting near his home in east London, when a family launched a campaign to prevent young people from carrying offensive weapons.

It came after the death of Mr John Dennison, aged 17, who was stabbed to death while on the way home with friends.

Dr Owen highlighted the Christmas issue of *Guns*, advertising various weapons such as close-quarter battle

knives, and said: "Why should we go on accepting these sort of advertisements?"

"Parliament banned the flick knife, but has not yet legislated to stop the sale and advertising of a whole range of weaponry that cannot be justified in any civilized society."

Turning to violence on television screens, he said the experts had concentrated too much on whether there was a causal link between particular incidents of violence and watching television.

Although the BBC was at last going to talk to the IBA about programme scheduling, it was still possible, by switching channels, to increase substantially the content of violence in any one day's viewing - and the problem was made worse by video nasties.

"Surely the time has been reached when our society should say that though there may not be proof in sociological terms and there may not be an absolute causal link, common sense tells us that to allow this pollution to go on is to take too great a risk," he said.

"Surely when the crime statistics, and any normal observation of human behaviour, points to an ever increasing level of violence, it is time to act."

Just because violent programmes were put on after the "watershed" time of 9pm, it did not mean children would not be exposed. Many of the most vulnerable children were likely to watch television late at night.

BBC insists it can repel £57m claim

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

A £57 million legal claim against the BBC brought by British Aerospace and GEC is "likely to fail" and no financial provision is to be made to cover it, the corporation said yesterday.

The claim arises from the BBC's decision not to go forward with a direct broadcast satellite scheme.

British Aerospace and GEC are seeking compensation for work they performed on the project before it was cancelled. The companies have claimed that the BBC is legally required to pay them for work performed under the terms of a preliminary contract called a "heads of agreement".

The BBC's assessment of the case was contained in its annual report, published yesterday, covering the 1986 financial year, which ended on March 31.

"The BBC has been informed by its legal advisers that on the basis of the information which they have so far been given, following a detailed investigation of the allegations, the claims are likely to fail in these circumstances, no provision has been made in these accounts to cover all or any part of this claim," the BBC report said.

The report also reviewed the status of a £12.7 million claim against the BBC brought in a California court, resulting from a broadcast of the programme, *Rough Justice*.

Two BBC employees were reprimanded for their role in making the programme, which resulted in the release of a man convicted of robbery. However, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, criticized the methods used by the programme-makers and a BBC inquiry found that unjustifiable means had been used to secure an interview.

In the California case, the BBC is accused of fraud,

malice and coercion by a woman, now a resident of Los Angeles, who claims that the BBC threatened to expose her as a lesbian if she did not recant testimony she had given in the criminal case.

"The litigation is at a preliminary stage and as a result the corporation's legal advisers are at this stage unable to form a view as to either the merits of the action or the eventual outcome. However, any damages resulting from the action are likely to be covered by the general provision included in the financial statements," the BBC said.

Much of the annual report was concerned with the various other controversies in which the BBC has found itself in the past year, including the *Real Lives* programme which the board of governors held up, at the request of the Government. The programme contained an interview with Mr Martin McGuinness, reportedly a leading figure in the Irish Republican Army.

There is no doubt that the affair "provoked serious anxieties among those who value the BBC's independence," the BBC report said.

In a section of the report on news programmes, Mr Alan Prothero, the assistant director-general, said the questions surrounding the *Real Lives* affair "should not be allowed to obscure the fact that the BBC's commitment to the pursuit of vigorous journalism is unchanged".

The report indicated that one employee, almost certainly Mr Alessandr Milne, the director-general of the BBC, was paid a salary of between £70,000 and £75,000 in the 1986 financial year. Three BBC executives were paid between £55-60,000. The number of BBC employees making more than £30,000 increased to 124, from 70 in 1985.

Prices of shares by radio

The Independent Broadcasting Authority yesterday named two companies to operate Radio Teletext in London, a communications service that will allow executives to monitor the stock market on portable data displays.

The companies are Teletext Case and Independent Radio Features, owned by IBC and a joint venture of Associated Press, Dow Jones and Tele-rate. Both plan broadly similar services, concentrating on share and commodity prices.



Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias signed autographs for admirers yesterday after the thanksgiving service for Sir Robert Helpmann at St Paul's in Covent Garden, London (Photograph: James Gray).

Boy weeps in sniffing case

A boy of 13 cried in court yesterday as he recalled the moment his best friend collapsed and died after sniffing typewriter correction fluid.

Crispin Sandford broke down while giving evidence at Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court in London in a case against two shopkeepers accused of selling typewriter correcting fluid to Lee Kendall, aged 14, who died in a park in Bermondsey, south-east London.

Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, and his cousin, Sureshbhai Patel, aged 23, deny supplying Lee Kendall with the fluid, knowing he was under 18 and having reasonable cause to believe he was likely to inhale it.

Mr Lindsay Burn, for the prosecution, asked Crispin what had happened to his friend after their sniffing session.

Crispin said: "Lee had a heart attack. He fell to the ground." He then began sobbing and was led from the court which was adjourned for five minutes.

Earlier, he said he and Lee began sniffing the fluid during the summer holidays.

Crispin, now living at Bullock Rectory, Bullock, near Corby, Northamptonshire, said he had known Lee for nearly four years and had been at the same school. In August, when Lee died, the two had lived in the same street.

He said they had discovered

they could buy the fluid cheaply at the Patel's shop in Dunton Road, Southwark, south London.

In the week leading up to Lee's death they had been into the shop to buy the fluid four or five times - and on one occasion Lee had traded a personal cassette player for three bottles of the fluid.

Mr Chandrakant Patel pleads not guilty to two charges of supplying Lee with the fluid, and Mr Sureshbhai Patel denies one charge.

Mr Sureshbhai Patel also denies a charge of breaking the terms of his permit to stay in Britain by taking employment.

The hearing continues today.

Dr Jaffe man 'did not need treatment'

By Mike Horsnell

A Harley Street psychiatrist said yesterday that a patient of Dr Joseph Jaffe was given a five-year course of hypnotherapy and drugs costing up to £60,000, although he did not need any treatment.

Dr David Thompson told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing, where Dr Jaffe is accused of serious professional misconduct, that all the patient needed when he saw him in hospital last year was a little support for tension.

The committee has been told that Dr Jaffe, a Manchester hypnotherapist, fed a drug concoction called "Jaffe Juice" to Mr George Waterson, aged 49, a wealthy businessman, for extortionate fees and wrecked his bicycle business in the process.

Dr Jaffe, aged 60, a former mayor of Salford, denies five charges of serious professional misconduct relating to his treatment of the patient between 1978 and 1983.

Dr Thompson cared for Mr Waterson, a married man with four children from Altrincham, Cheshire, for three weeks in a London hospital in 1985.

He told the hearing that he was concerned about the injections of the barbiturate methohexitome which Dr Jaffe had given Mr Waterson, and which the patient knew as "Jaffe Juice", together with injections of Valium.

And he added that he could not accept a report by Dr Jaffe about the patient's alleged "over emotional symptoms".

Dr Thompson said: "I don't think he had overtly hysterical features and I could find no evidence of a personality defect. He required no medication and was psychiatrically normal, but in need of support."

Dr Thompson said that the late Sir Desmond Pond, former president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, agreed that the patient needed no treatment.

Asked by Mr Anthony Arledge, QC, counsel for Dr Jaffe, if it were possible for a doctor to have brainwashed a man so that he was effectively his puppet, Dr Thompson said that a patient regularly given addictive injections would be "enormously influenced" by the doctor.

The case continues.

Portfolio Gold - Woman to invest part of her win

A woman is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,600.

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Two in court after PC's death fall

Two men appeared in court yesterday charged with stealing from a home in the block of flats in Stoke where PC John Taylor, aged 26, fell 50ft to his death on Sunday.

Debra Goodson, aged 26, of Brookfield Road, Hockley, and Umar Carnegie, aged 25, of Oval Road, Erdington, both Birmingham, appeared at Fenton Magistrates' Court, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, and were remanded in custody for seven days.

A third man, Terence Butcher, who is also accused of stealing, did not appear. He is in North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary with serious injuries after falling from the flats with PC Taylor.

Free advice to elderly on keeping warm

Help the Aged intensified its campaign yesterday to help the elderly keep warm during the winter months by issuing a free advice leaflet.

The leaflet, *Keep Warm This Winter*, gives details of how to save heat and advice on large heating bills.

The charity also launched a Freephone Heating Hotline, an information service on heating.

Revolution in car servicing

By David Sapped

The motorist's long-cherished but oft-frustrated dream of low-cost, fixed-price car servicing may soon be realized.

National Tyre Service and Automotive Products have launched a joint venture to establish more than 200 centres in Britain offering single-cost servicing for most family cars.

The move, against competition from other groups including Kwik-Fit and Halfords, is likely to mean the biggest shake-up the garage industry has known.

A 6,000-mile service for cars up to 2,000cc will cost £31.50, inclusive of labour, parts and VAT, and a full 12,000-mile service £12 more.

Cars in that category include the Austin Maestro, the Vauxhall Cavalier, the Ford Sierra and some BMW models.

The chain, operating under the name of National Auto, will set up its first five centres early next year in Newcastle upon Tyne, Southport, Bradford, Rochford and Ashton-under-Lyne. Other centres will be established in the South and Midlands between now and the early 1990s.

Competition for the car servicing market has increased greatly in recent weeks.

The Kwik-Fit group is planning a network of 750 centres offering everything from standard exhaust and tyre services, to clutch and gearbox replacement.

Halfords wants to establish at least 100 parts, accessories and servicing outlets, and B&Q hypermarkets, as well as Licas, are planning similar ventures.

Killing blamed on terrorist backlash

A man who wanted to end the Marxist regime in the Seychelles was murdered in "the evil backlash of terrorist activity", a coroner said yesterday.

Det Insp Christopher Brize told an inquest at Hornsey, north London, that the murder of Mr Gerald Hoarau, aged 35, was the work of a professional assassin.

He believed the man who shot down Mr Hoarau outside his home in Greencourt Avenue, Edgware, north London, on November 29 last year was now out of the country.

Mr Hoarau was leader of the Seychelles National Movement, which wanted to overthrow the Marxist-led regime of President Albert Rene.

Mr Brize said the Scotland Yard anti-terrorist branch had not been aware of any threats against Mr Hoarau's life.

Mr Willy Laporte, who was living at Greencourt Avenue at the time, said in evidence that he heard a sound like a machine-gun.

"It was a crack and I was scared. I didn't move," he said.

Pirate radio ship set to go back on air

Radio Laser, the pirate ship which last year claimed to be Britain's most popular radio station, with an audience of between 10 and 15 million, is back at sea and will reportedly resume broadcasting on Friday.

The station, on a Panama-registered ship, had limped into port in November last year with mechanical difficulties and was seized by the authorities.

Criticism on Aids campaign

The World Health Organization has been strongly criticized by Aids experts for its slow response to the global epidemic.

The organization has failed to provide an accurate picture of the international spread of the disease, according to a report published yesterday.

Its figures are "extremely flawed", partly because many countries do not report their growing numbers of cases, and it has no organized information on a range of prevention and control measures, the report said.

Three years after the organization's first meeting on Aids, its co-ordinating office consists of one doctor and a secretary, the report by the Panos Institute, an international information and policy studies group, said.

It added: "A strong feeling undoubtedly exists among Aids experts that the WHO should now be playing a far more effective role."

The organization has called for an Aids budget of \$200 million next year, rising to \$2 billion by 1991, but depends on voluntary contributions from individual countries.

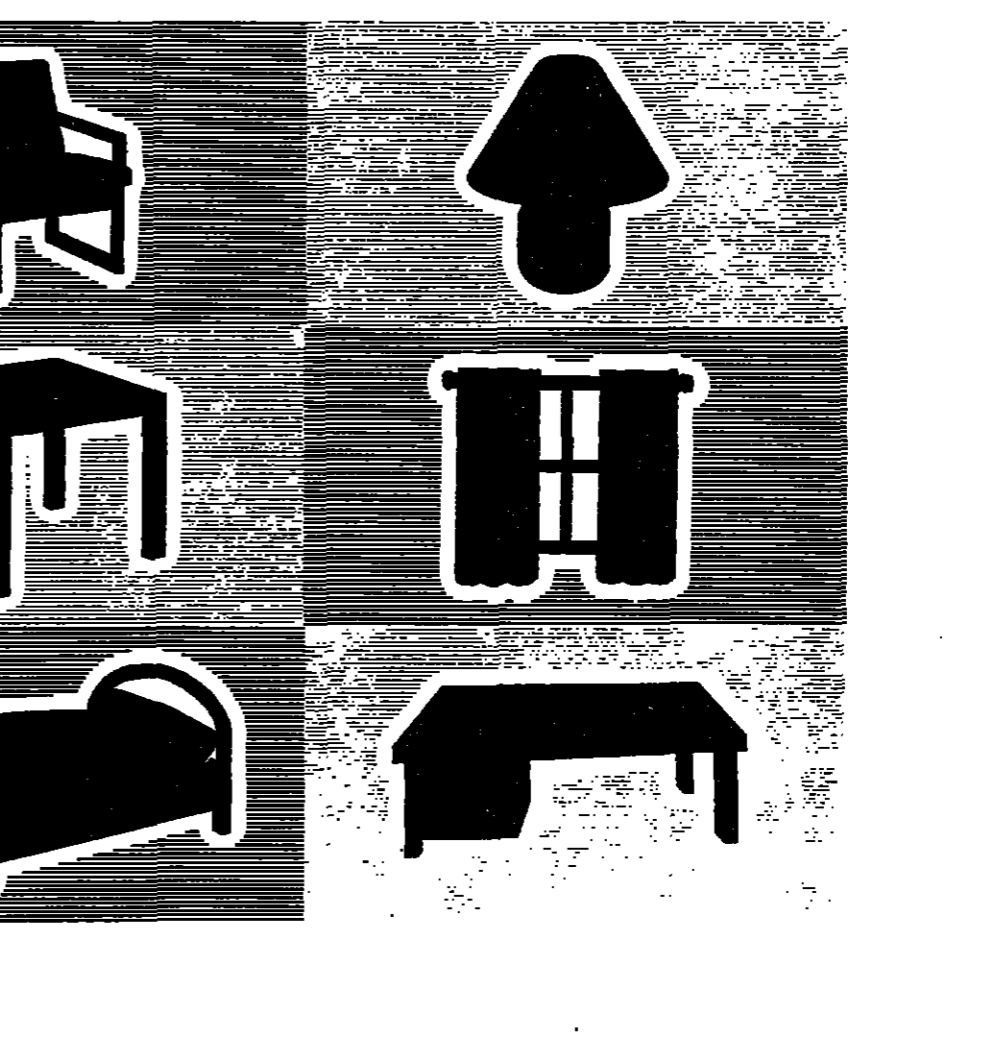
"The criticisms of the organization were raised at a seminar in London yesterday to discuss the report, *Aids in the Third World*, published by the institute.

The WHO Aids programme has been set up in Geneva by Dr Jonathan Mann, an American expert on the disease. The report said that he had made "considerable progress" and that the WHO global strategy on Aids is "good".

The World (Panos Institute, 8 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7EB; £5.50).

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Rotherham joins the resorts

Rotherham and Islington seem unlikely to figure high on the list of potential holiday destinations when Britain begins to plan for the lazy days of summer in the hazy days after Christmas (Harvey Elliott writes).

But with tourism now big business, and therefore a potential source of income, neither Islington nor Rotherham can afford to be left out.

So when the World Travel Market was opened at Olympia by the Duchess of Gloucester yesterday both these unlikely holiday spots had stands alongside more traditional names such as the Bahamas, the Seychelles, Mallorca and France.

Islington even took a whole page advertisement in the official brochure describing itself as the "home of EastEnders".

No one was trying harder than the Falkland Islands. "We are really excited," Mr Steve Green said. "I can well see us getting as many as 50 to 100 people going to Fort Stanley this year."

They will, of course, have to travel by RAF TriStar jet from

Brize Norton with a brief stop over in Ascension Island. The World Travel Market has grown greatly since it first opened in 1980. Then there were just 350 exhibitors, 7,753 trade visitors and 4,610 members of the public who are admitted on the last day.

This year there are 2,250 exhibitors.

Bingo has finally taken off. Passengers on Slade Leisure Group holidays will be able to play bingo while flying to Malaga, Tenerife, Alicante, Faro and Palma over the Christmas holidays.

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MI5 secrecy must be upheld, says Thatcher

The Government was concerned with upholding the principle of confidentiality and the obligations of staff without which there could be no effective security services...

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Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C): If the security services are to retain the respect and confidence of this House and the public, then the Government should establish a committee of senior and eminent privy counsellors to provide parliamentary oversight...

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C), who began the exchanges, said that many people viewed with distaste the picture of someone who had taken a vote of secrecy now agreeing in return it seemed for a large sum of money, to break that vow...

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, How does she explain the difference between allowing Mr Chapman Fincher to publish his book based on information supplied by Mr Wright and with full proceeds going to him, and her attempt now to stop a book on the same subject being published under Mr Wright's own name?

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): Since she has said that the events being scrutinized by a court in America arise in circumstances which took place before she was Prime Minister, would she agree that she has no vested interest, whereas the Leader of the Opposition in his goings-on is indulging in low, nasty, dirty party politics?

Mrs Thatcher: The principle we are upholding is the obligation of staff to the security services, without which there could be no effective services. I wish to uphold the efficiency and effectiveness of the services.

Kinnock anger on Iran arms deal

On the very day when Admiral John Poindexter (United States National Security Adviser) had been speaking out against the sale of arms to Iran, Mr Robert McFarlane (former United States National Security Adviser) had been delivering arms to Iran and doing so covertly...

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said during Prime Minister's question time. Had she, he asked, raised the point with Mr Reagan during his visit to America and had she asked for an explanation or apology for that apparent lapse in the special relationship?

Mr Kinnock: Can she tell us how she can justify the dropping of bombs on a source of terrorism in April and the giving of cut price gifts of arms to a source of terrorism in May?

Mrs Thatcher: I will not answer for the United States of America, nor am I expected to. If he is referring to our policy over Libya, that was fully justified.

NHS is growing, Fowler insists

Last year, National Health Service Hospitals in England treated one million more in-patient cases, 430,000 more day more out-patient cases than in 1973, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during Commons question time.

The figures for 1985, he said, were 3.1 million in-patients, 960,000 day and 37.4 million out-patient cases. Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C): These figures more than any others show the expansion of the National Health Service since the present Government came to office.

Mr Fowler: They are among the figures that do that. They show the record amount of health care being provided and other figures that establish the same point are in the capital building programme which show a record number of hospitals being built by this Conservative Government.

Mr William Hamilton (Central, Central, Lab): These figures are a further example of how the Government fiddles figures. Is it not the case that where a patient is prematurely discharged from hospital and subsequently has to go back, it counts as two?

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C): The winter of discontent added to the waiting lists throughout the United Kingdom and was it not the Conservative Government which shortened these waiting lists and is it not a Conservative Government which has a drive on now to shorten the waiting lists more?

Which is the Government with compassion, which is the Government that cares? (Opposition laughter and protests.) Mr Fowler: I entirely agree with everything he said in his speech, his point that in 1982 the waiting lists went up because of industrial action and that that industrial action was never condemned by the official Opposition.

The Government was committed to the development of the health service in the North of England, Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Health, said during Commons questions in response to charges of neglect from Labour MPs.

The report, 'Inequalities in Health in the Northern Region', was commissioned by the Regional Health Authority which would not doubt take it into account in its planning, he said.

Mr Jack Dorman (Leeds, Lab), who had asked what action the Government proposed to take on the report, said that no fewer than two thirds of the 678 local wards in the Northern region had levels of permanent sickness above the average for England and Wales.

Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) said the report only added to the data showing the relationship between unemployment and health. Only government ministers were ignoring that data. Why would the Government not bring forward resources instead of leaving it to private capital?

Mr Newton said there was no question of leaving it to private capital to build new hospitals. There were nine in the region under consideration at a cost of £31 million and three more schemes costing £27 million due to start.



Mr Norman Fowler making the most of his new tune.

More telephone advice for Aids inquirers

Aids telephone help and advice lines were attempting to deal with a mass of inquiries, especially since the Government's publicity programme began, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during Commons questions in the next few weeks.

"If there are things we can do to keep the lines open by providing more lines, we shall do that," Mr Fowler said that the latest predictions by the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre estimated that in the United Kingdom there would be 550 new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome diagnosed this year, 1,300 next year and 3,000 in 1988.

Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, SDP): Given the one certainty, that the public will not get away and will get significantly potentially worse, will he clarify his plans, in particular, about the future of the public health laboratories.

"Can we take it that there will be no reduction in their number or their funding?" Mr Fowler said that there were no plans to cut the service and

been a steep increase in the number of calls and gave his assurance of government help with new lines, if need be.

Mr Roger Sims (Chislehurst, C) said that there had been trials in the United States of ATZ which, it was suggested, while not curing Aids, could delay its progress.

The Wellcome Foundation was putting great resources into the development of drugs, and despite contrary reports, there were adequate supplies for clinical trials in Britain. Any delay was to ensure that the trials were properly set up.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that on Saturday night he had telephoned Bradford Aids line to get information.

He had been referred by a recorded message to the Terence Higgins Trust and had rung every 10 minutes from 6.30 to 9.30 until he got through. The Aids line was being set up. ATZ was not a cure but it could prolong life and alleviate symptoms.

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C): This is a pretty useless debate because whatever we agree tonight will not have the slightest effect on EEC spending.

Sunken vessel inquiry to be considered

The Government would consider opening a formal investigation into the loss of the Derbyshire, which sank without trace during a typhoon in 1980 with the loss of 44 lives, if any evidence was found of a link with the break-up of her sister ship the Kowloon Bridge, Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said in a Commons statement.

MPs from all sides of the House pressed him to agree to such an inquiry. He said that he would publish the reports of the two separate investigations involving the Hong Kong-registered vessel, Kowloon Bridge, one of which was expected very soon, and consider what action needed to be taken.

The first was a full investigation into the damage to the vessel, conducted by a Department of Transport inspector, who boarded the vessel on November 20 at some point in Bantry Bay, where she had put in for repairs. Early indications were that the damage was entirely consistent with the severe weather encountered during her voyage across the Atlantic.

The second was an investigation by inspectors from the Department of Transport on behalf of the Hong Kong administration into the vessel's loading, free from her anchor, the loss of steering and the subsequent grounding.

His department had been advised of reports of structural damage to the Kowloon Bridge late on November 18, in view of the possible connection with the loss of the Derbyshire, the department agreed with the Hong Kong authorities that the department's inspectors should investigate on their behalf.

Let it be known that the case of the Derbyshire, which was simply no evidence to go on because she had sunk without trace. But there had been a detailed investigation into the sinking of the Derbyshire. There had been no whitewash.

The issues now were whether there was anything more to find out. Formal investigations were elaborate and expensive procedures and there had to be good reason to have them.

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Worries in Nato over ships loss

Concern about the defence implications of the sharp drop in merchant tonnage among members of Nato has led to a decision to devote part of an early meeting of Nato ministers to discussing the issue.

The North Atlantic Council, the Nato ministerial body, meets on December 12, but the agenda was said by a Nato spokesman yesterday to be confidential.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in a written Commons reply that she expected an early discussion of the matter in the North Atlantic Council.

Sir Edward de Cams (Tamton, C) had asked the Prime Minister four questions reflecting concern about the defence implications of the reduction in the British and Nato merchant tonnage.

Transport policies defended

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, defended his policies yesterday against complaints that lack of government strategy led to orders for British transport systems going abroad.

He conceded that Britain may be "a little slower" in getting new projects under way, but that was because of the democratic processes of inquiries which were sometimes frustrating.

This different attitude - and public opposition to major infrastructure projects - had been brought home to him when sitting across to the table from his European counterparts and discussing such issues as the Channel tunnel, he said.

Giving evidence to a House of Commons sub-committee investigating innovation in surface transport, Mr Moore assured peers that his department took a long-term view and was not confined by the three-year public spending cycle.

Companies have complained to the sub-committee about the department's lack of strategy over the sort of research and development they should be carrying out.

Mr Moore accepted that there had been allegations about poor communications between the department, local government and industry, but consultations were going on.

In written evidence to the peers, the department set out the advances which will dictate the future of transport in Britain, mainly through the use of information technology. Alternatives to steel, for example, will mean lighter, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

It added that the recent collapse of oil prices has meant it is unlikely that any alternative to the internal combustion engine will be found before the end of the century.

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drifting for 24 hours in severe weather conditions. She had been broken her back between number two and number three bales.

Mr Roger Stott, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said that the Kowloon Bridge - formerly the English Bridge - was one of six ships built by Swan Hunter in the early 1970s.

One of those, the merchant vessel Derbyshire, sank without trace in South China Sea in 1980. Another, the Tyne Bridge, suffered severe structural damage in the North Sea in 1982 and her crew had to be taken by helicopter to safety.

An inquiry by Lloyd's Register found that the ship had not been built according to the designer's plans and all other ships in that class were substantially modified.

Since 1980 the families of those who died on the Derbyshire have been fighting to persuade the Department of Transport to have a formal inquiry into the tragedy.

Could the minister confirm that when the surveyor examined the Kowloon Bridge in Bantry Bay he instructed the captain that it would be unsafe to proceed? Would the report of the investigation into her structural damage be compared with the structural faults in the Tyne Bridge? Would the remaining ships in the class be inspected?

In view of the concern felt by MPs on all sides of the House and by relatives of those who died on the Derbyshire, was it not now time to lay the matter to rest?

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Defence 'will be the main issue'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Labour Party is fully prepared to let defence become the central issue of the next election, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher intends, despite the party's drubbing on the issue at the 1983 election.

Labour's Director of Communications, Mr Peter Mandelson, said at the launch yesterday of a book on the 1983 election that the issue would not be fought in the same way next time and set out Labour's strategy for countering the Tory onslaught, a strategy that will be given a dummy run on the visit to the United States this coming weekend by the party leader, Mr Neil Kinnock.

In 1983, Mr Mandelson said, the electorate were in a war-happy mood after the Falklands and were receptive to the Government's setting the agenda on defence.

The Labour Party were disunited on the issue and its opponents were able to give the impression that the choice was between one party offering to defend Britain and another offering no defence.

Next time it would be different. It would be a choice between two versions of patriotism, with the Conservative Government willing to spend money on the Trident missile system while forcing to cut back on conventional arms spending and Labour dismissing the nuclear deterrent as obsolete and preferring to spend the money on frigates, fighter planes and new weaponry for the Army.

In a candid appraisal of Labour's disaster in 1983, Mr Mandelson agreed with the opinion of the former Conservative Party chairman, Mr Cecil Parkinson, that the most remarkable feature of the campaign was the "inordinate and fundamental muddle" of the Labour campaign effort.

Labour was already further advanced with its election campaign this time around

than it had been when the last election started. It had professional advisers to match the Conservatives' Saatchi and Saatchi, it was already filming its party political broadcasts for the campaign and the party leader's movements had already been plotted.

In the new book, Mr Parkinson claims that stories of a £20million Conservative war chest at the last election were a myth. "In fact we started the campaign with £200,000 in one account and an overdraft in the other."

He says that the party spent very little more than the Labour Party and at yesterday's press conference Mr Ivor Crewe, Professor of Government at Essex University, said that the Conservative advantage in money terms was really "quite slight".

In the book, Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, senior lecturer in government at Brunel University, puts the central election spending totals at £3.8 million for the Conservatives, £2.3 million for Labour and £1.95 million for the Alliance parties.

Political Communications: The General Election Campaign of 1983, edited by Ivor Crewe and Martin Harrop (Cambridge University Press, £25).



Mr Mandelson: A different strategy this time.

'Double standards' accusation Government attacked over 'sham' CAP budget

The following is a summary of yesterday's debate on the budget of the European Economic Community.

The Government was attacked from all sides in the Commons during the debate. Sir Edward de Cams (Tamton, C) said that the Government of double standards and described the budget as a sham. Dr Oonagh McDonald, from the Labour benches, said that it was an obscenity that millions of tonnes of surplus food went to waste in storage while the poor in the EEC found it difficult to pay the prices of some of these foods and people in the Third World starved.

She said that storage costs continued to rocket. That obscenity would create a crisis on the Community. Dr McDonald, an Opposition spokesman and one of the dispute at J.E. Hanger & Co. Lords (2.30): Debates on the arts and on the state of academic medicine.

recalled that the Council of Ministers had reached agreement on a new budget in July. "We are only half way through the budget procedure for 1987," he said. Sir Edward de Cams (Tamton, C) said that the budget was a sham and a snare. "Everyone knows that this budget will be kept in it. It is common knowledge that there will be an overrun. What is clear is that the pressure is always upwards."

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Parliament today (2.30): Debates on the arts and on the state of academic medicine.

Student grants so poor that youngsters opt for training, MPs are told

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Student grants are so inadequate that 16-year-olds are opting for the ready cash of the Youth Training Scheme rather than higher education, MPs were told yesterday.

The present grants system was so inadequate, uncertain and complex that higher education was becoming the preserve of the middle and upper classes. Some students on courses were so poor that they were in danger of vitamin deficiency, while university and polytechnic hardship funds were "close to exhaustion".

In evidence to the education select committee, university and polytechnic teachers and vice-principals continued the litany of criticism of the Government's grants policy that had begun in previous hearings by the National Union of Students and by the local education authorities.

Almost without exception they have deplored the 20 per cent cut in real terms in student grants since 1979. They have emphasized that that cut has been worsened by increases in costs of books and accommodation well above the inflation rate, by the failure of parents in nearly 50 per cent of cases to pay their parental contributions in part or in full, by effective cuts in the social security benefits and travel grants payable to students, and by the lack of vacation jobs.

Mr Paul Cottrell, assistant general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said yesterday that there was now an "unprecedented" level of student hardship. "The situation is quite critical," he said.

A colleague, Dr Bill Stephenson, a member of the AUT executive, cited evidence of 16-year-olds preferring the immediate cash grants available on the YTS rather than the "long slog" of two more years at school followed by the financial hardship of being a student.

In its submission to the committee, the AUT argued that the inadequacies of the grants were "barriers to access, and particularly to those groups which have traditionally not taken up higher education - the working class, women, ethnic minorities, mature students and the disabled".

That was substantiated by Mr Fred Holliday, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, who said that the present complex system was frightening away low-income families. "If we can bring in the same proportion of students from the working classes as the middle classes this country would have a marvelous reservoir of talent," he said.

Mr Holliday, representing the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, spoke of students approaching welfare officers and tutors in increasing numbers with financial problems, of rising levels of stress, and of students

being too poor to eat properly. "Vitamin deficiency in students is not now beyond the bounds of possibility," he said.

"Students have begun to turn to the banks for support. An informal loan system appears to operate already as it is commonplace for students to have overdrafts, often running at an average of £300 to £500. There are cases of overdrafts as high as £2,000 to £3,000 by the completion of the course."

The Committee of Directors of Polytechnics said that polytechnic students were particularly badly affected and that "in some cases hardship funds are close to exhaustion". Polytechnics were legally restrained from subsidizing food and accommodation.

Up to 70 per cent of parents with children at polytechnics were failing to pay their parental contributions, compared with under 50 per cent of university parents, while a "derisory" 11 per cent of polytechnic students were drawn from the lowest social classes.

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Mr Michael Broadbent, head of Christie's wine department, with the 1784 Chateau d'Yquem (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Rarest wine for auction

The world's rarest wine is to be auctioned in London next week and is expected to fetch at least £50,000.

The 1784 Chateau d'Yquem was one of three bottles discovered in Paris last year and is the oldest known wine from this famous vineyard in the Sauternes region.

It is also the oldest ever to be offered for sale and bidding is expected to be intense at Christie's on December 4.

The bottle, which bears the initials TH J, was bought by Thomas Jefferson in 1787, when he was US ambassador to Paris. Wines were not labelled and he insisted his initials were cut into the bottles to identify them.

The world record for a bottle of wine was achieved last December, when a Thomas Jefferson engraved 1787 Chateau-Lafite fetched £120,000, but the wine is now useless as the cork slipped into it while on exhibition.

Other lots in the sale of eighteenth and nineteenth century wines include an 1832 Chateau-Lafite, expected to raise £2,000.

Sale room Greek goddess's £923,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Brancusi, Picasso and company made the clear, clean lines of primitive sculpture fashionable. With a 50-year delay the market has enthusiastically endorsed their taste by running an 8in neolithic sculpture from the Greek islands to an unheard of \$1,320,000 (£923,000).

Sotheby's in New York offered the little cross-legged marble goddess for sale on Monday with a pre-sale estimate of \$40,000-\$60,000.

The bidding soared beyond their dreams, setting a new auction price record for any art work of antiquity.

The little goddess does not have much in the way of features. Her arms stick out at right angles and her crossed legs are indicated by grooves in the rounded base.

Sotheby's date her to about 5000 - 3500BC and describe her as Cycladic while admitting that she may have come from the Peloponnese. She is thought to depict the Great Mother.

estimate was probably out by a factor of eight or nine. The winning bid is believed to have come from Mrs Leon Levy, wife of a leading Wall Street financier who has a distinguished collection of antiquities. The under bidder is thought to have been Mr George Ortiz, a wealthy collector in the same field.

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Pay rethink at Civil Service

By Tim Jones

High-flying Civil Servants who earn between £14,318 and £62,000 a year are to be given performance related increments to prevent them being tempted to jobs in the private sector.

The change, which will affect the 7,617 members of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, is also in line with the Government's philosophy that pay should be related to profit, performance and productivity.

The Government denies that there is anything like a "flood" of high achievers leaving the service but concedes that some particularly talented people have left for higher salaries elsewhere.

It is understood that the Prime Minister has agreed that the top grade two and three Civil Servants should have their pay linked to performance, after a recommendation last year by the Top Salaries Review Board.

Although the mechanics of the system have yet to be worked out and agreed with the unions, Cabinet and Treasury ministers are considering linking incremental pay rises more to performance, enabling better talents to jump stages in the pay scale.

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Bradford FC says it did not receive adequate warning of fire hazards

Club's plea for fair sharing of blame

By Ian Smith

Bradford City Football Club yesterday pleaded for an impartial and dispassionate apportionment of the blame it must shoulder for the worst disaster in British football history.

Being given its first public opportunity to outline its version of the events at Valley Parade in Bradford on May 11, 1985, was more important to the club than the multi-million pounds pay out in damages it may face, the High Court sitting in Leeds was told.

An impassioned plea that the club whose directors and members still lived receive the same judicial fairness as the 56 spectators who burnt to death was made by Mr Edwin Glasgow, junior counsel representing the club.

His defence of the club's part in events leading up to the disaster came on the eleventh day of the hearing to determine liability for the deaths in a test case brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher whose husband, John, aged 34, son, Andrew, aged 11, brother-in-law Peter and his father, Edmund, aged 64, died in the fire.

Bringing a similar claim for liability against the football club, the Health and Safety

Executive and the now defunct West Yorkshire County Council is Police Sergeant David Britton who was injured in the fire while trying to rescue victims. His case is being supported by the Police Federation.

Summing up for the club Mr Glasgow admitted it could not be seriously disputed that all three defendants were at fault. The only issue was what legal liability should be attached to each defendant and what proportion of the blame they should carry.

Mr Glasgow said that had proper warning been given to the football club about the potential hazard present in its grandstand it would have acted; instead it had been actively lulled into a false sense of security and therefore both public bodies made a substantial contribution to what occurred.

The Government's Health and Safety Executive, Mr Glasgow said, had behaved in an extraordinarily uncharacteristic way and allowed a misleading impression to be given about the liaison which existed between them and the county council who were also the local fire authority.

In evidence Mr John Laird,

area principal inspector for the Health and Safety Executive, had admitted that the hazard at the stadium had first been recognized in 1980 but in the succeeding four years nothing had been done about it, Mr Glasgow said.

He added: "Mr Laird said he did not trust the club because they had not done what they had said they would do but he does nothing because he trusts to fire and ignoring elaborate liaison with the fire brigade just presumes they will act".

That Mr Laird had judged that because of the thickness of timber in the stand there was no serious risk showed a serious misjudgement or demonstrated him unfit for his job, Mr Glasgow said.

Also letters sent to the club in 1984 did nothing to ring alarm bells among club directors.

West Yorkshire County Council was also criticized by Mr Glasgow who described its reaction to the situation at Valley Parade as similar to the stable door being repeatedly slammed shut after the horse had already bolted.

"We are not trying to say that anyone owed the club a duty, we are merely saying the duty owed by the club to its



Chief Insp Charles Mawson with his wife, Jane, at Buckingham Palace.

Palace honour for heroes

Ten men whose courage saved scores of lives at the Bradford City fire disaster collected gallantry awards from the Queen yesterday at Buckingham Palace.

Recipients at the ceremony who received the Queen's Gallantry Medal were: Police Sergeant David Britton; Mr Richard Gough, an installation engineer from Shipley; Mr David Huxler, aged 47, an assistant supermarket manager, also from Shipley; Police Constable Richard Ingham, Chief Inspector Charles Mawson and Chief Inspector Terence Slocombe.

The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct was presented to: PC Peter Barrett; Mr Michael Bland, aged 27, an asbestos remover from Bradford; Mr Timothy Leigh, and PC David Midgeley.

visitors is reflected by the duty owed to by those public bodies.

"Both the Health and Safety Executive and local authority are creatures of statute and their negligence must be related by their failure to perform their statutory duties."

Mr Glasgow spoke scathingly of the "magic wand of policy wielded with great dexterity by the county council's fairy godmother", a reference to Mr Keith Goddard, QC, representing the county council, and said that "those whose eyes were currently blinkered will now have them forced open by the amount of damages which they would be ordered to pay."

The case continues today.

£62,000 damages against police after man's death

The widow of a man whose body was found frozen in the snow a week after the police took him from his home after a domestic dispute was awarded £62,537 in damages yesterday.

Lord McCuskey was told at the Court of Session in Edinburgh that the police failed to take reasonable care of Mr Anthony Wilson, aged 26, a scaffolder, and exposed him to unnecessary risk.

Mrs Jennifer Wilson, aged 30, of Jubilee Avenue, Deans, Livingston, had sued the chief constable of Lothian and Borders police and two of his constables for £135,000 for herself and her three children.

She claimed the police should have known that in her husband's intoxicated state, and with the cold weather, he would have difficulty in finding his way home.

Mr Wilson was taken from their home, formerly in Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, at 5am, on January 5, 1982, but was released from the police car on a lonely country road on the outskirts of the city. He died from hypothermia and was later found in a snow-covered field.

Lord McCuskey said he concluded that death was caused by a breach of common law duty. There was no evidence to suggest that Mr Wilson had been deliberately released in a remote area to "teach him a lesson". But the two constables failed to exercise reasonable care.

The police denied at the hearing that they were negligent during the incident.

It was plain from the evidence, Lord McCuskey said, that PC James Halliday, aged 38, had taken charge of the incident and the judge absolved the second officer, PC Ian Deas, aged 32, of blame. Both men are still serving constables in the force.

A spokesman for Lothian and Borders police said yesterday: "The chief constable has received a copy of Lord McCuskey's opinion.

"Our legal representatives are considering it, with a view to determining whether there should be an appeal.

"The two officers were subjected to formal disciplinary proceedings in 1982."

● The family of Mr Michael Burdon, a Scottish property executive, who died after a road accident in Northumberland in August 1984, were awarded £255,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday.

His widow, Mrs Gail Burdon, aged 30, of Rockwell Grove, Mansie Road, Linlithgow, Lothian, will receive £180,000. The other £75,000 will be added to an existing trust fund for the couple's daughter, Caroline, aged four. Mr Burdon died in a head-on crash on the Alnwick bypass.

'Blackmail of Harrods owner'

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Ali Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, has been named as the victim of an alleged £500,000 blackmail attempt.

Yesterday Mr Abbas Al-Bassan, aged 28, an Iraqi electronics student at Loughborough College, was charged at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court with making an unwarranted demand in a letter to Mr Al-Fayed.

He was released on bail, with a condition that he deposited £5,000 at the court.

Mr Al-Bassan was also ordered to surrender his passport and any other travel documents to police and told to live at his home in Epping Walk, Hulme, Manchester.

Harrods was taken over by the Al-Fayed Investment Trust in November 1984 from House of Fraser in a £138 million deal.

The company is controlled by Mr Ali Al-Fayed and his brother, Muhammad, who come from one of the wealthiest families in Egypt.

Doctors accused of fraud

A husband-and-wife team of doctors was accused yesterday of receiving cash for fictitious treatment.

Dr Susan Openshaw, a Somerset county councillor, faces three charges of dishonesty carrying a total of £18 for carrying out smear tests for cervical cancer on three women.

Her husband, Dr William Openshaw, medical officer at Millfield School in Street, Somerset, was charged with obtaining £60 in the name of a patient through a falsified maternity services claim.

The couple, from Bove Town, Glastonbury, Somerset, also faced three joint charges of obtaining a total of £165 for maternity services in the names of three patients.

It was alleged that the two GPs, who work at Glastonbury Health Clinic, have defrauded Somerset Family Practitioners Committee of a total of £250.

Magistrates at Glastonbury adjourned the case, which was heard in the couple's absence, until December 23.

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Science report

Doctors discover why people snore

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Doctors at a sleep research laboratory have found that people who snore can be divided into different categories.

They have found that differences between people's lung capacity and the shape of their pharynx explain why some snore - it is similar to the way the power and resonance of a musical organ depends on the size of its bellows and the design of its pipes.

The researchers measured the effect of variations in the shape and size of the cavity at the back of the nose and the mouth, which forms the pharynx and found the pharynx was smaller in snorers than in non-snorers.

The investigation by doctors from three hospitals and the University of Toronto in Canada showed how snoring became a medical condition in some individuals, because it interfered with breathing and disrupted sleep.

The 25 volunteers examined by a team working with Dr Douglas Bradley, of Toronto General Hospital, were all healthy men of average weight.

There were 10 whose sleep was disturbed because of obstructions to breathing when they snored. Another six snored, but suffered no restriction in breathing.

A third control group of nine non-snorers was used in the comparisons.

The doctors' findings are described in the latest issue of *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The presence or absence of snoring was established first by monitoring each person in overnight stays at the sleep laboratory. The pattern of their breathing and lung volume during sleep was measured at the same time.

Later measurements were made when the individuals were awake.

Those who snored were distinguished from those who did not by a narrowing of the pharynx while breathing.

The New England Journal of Medicine, Volume 315, P 1327-1331, 1986.

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British TV dominates US Emmy awards

Britain took three of the five 1986 International TV Emmy Awards announced in New York yesterday (Christopher Thomas writes). Japan and Canada took the other two. The award is presented by the US Academy of TV Arts and Sciences. Shadowlands, the BBC production about writer CS Lewis, took the drama award. The programme, set in 1950, centres on a fan letter the author received from an American woman who transformed his life.

Diplomat defects

Bonn - A first secretary at the Chinese Embassy in Bonn and his wife have asked for political asylum in West Germany. It was disclosed yesterday (John England writes). Early reports said the couple had approached the International Society for Human Rights, in Bonn, and said they were dissatisfied with the communist system in China.

Captain guilty

Tel Aviv (Reuter) - An Israeli sea captain accused of forcing a Kenyan stevedore onto a makeshift raft off the East African coast in 1982 was acquitted yesterday of endangering human life but convicted on lesser charges. A Haifa District Court found Captain Avner Gilad, aged 59, guilty of aggravated assault and transporting a man in a dangerous vehicle.

Police free family

Lisbon - Two escaped prisoners held a Portuguese family hostage near Loule, in the Algarve, for more than a month and a half before being captured by the police on Monday (Martha de la Cal writes). The Cavaco cousins, José and Vítor, were in a band of six prisoners who broke out of Portugal's high security Pinaeiro da Cruz prison on July 28, killing three guards and wounding two others.

Galvin for Nato

Washington - US Army General Bernard Rogers is expected to retire as Nato Supreme Commander next year and to be replaced by General John Galvin, left, C-in-C US Southern Command in Panama, (Mohsin Ali writes). A Pentagon spokesman, however, spoke out to confirm a report that General Galvin would take over next summer.

Job for tragedy ship

Oslo - The cruise liner that survived the disastrous collision with the Andrea Doria in 1951 may end its days as a hostel for refugees (Tony Samstag writes). Norwegian officials confirmed yesterday that negotiations were in progress for purchase of the American-owned Stockholm, renamed Volker after the tragedy, which claimed more than 50 lives. The ship, currently at Southampton, would accommodate 600 people, relieving pressure on another vessel used for the purpose in the harbour at Drammen, southwest of Oslo.

White House crisis: Poindexter resigns Israel acted two years ago

By Michael Evans Whitehall Correspondent As Washington was rocked by the resignation of Admiral John Poindexter over the Iran arms deal fiasco, new details emerged of the Israeli connection in the affair.

According to authoritative sources yesterday, the US Administration asked the Israeli Government about two years ago if it would support a pro-Iranian policy in the Gulf War between Iran and Iraq.

Israel had already decided that it made both strategic and economic sense to try to keep links with Iran and backed the pro-Iranian school in Washington.

According to the sources, the Israeli Government had three key reasons for its decision to sell arms to Iran and to barter with Ayatollah Khomeini's regime.

The first was fear for the lives of 50,000 Jews in Iran. Although a number had managed to leave the country, the rest were considered by the Israeli Government as potential hostages and it was decided to do everything possible to get them out of Iran.

This included the sale of weapons to Iran, not directly, but through intermediaries. The sources said yesterday that all the arms deals carried out by licensed Israeli arms dealers were first approved by the Defence Ministry in Israel and then by Washington.

The sources said: "The proper officials within the US Administration were informed of all the arms deals with Iran. No such deals could have taken place without the approval of the US."

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, said yesterday that Israel had a policy of not selling arms to Iran, but was willing to make an exception to help a friend (Reuter reports from Jerusalem). His remarks were the closest Mr Shamir has come to publicly admitting that Israel was involved in the arms-for-hostages deal.

approval of the US. The trouble is that one hand knows what is going on and the other hand doesn't."

Israeli officials bartering with Iran in an attempt to safeguard the lives of the 50,000 Jews and in the hope that one day they might win approval for their emigration to Israel.

The second reason was economics. The sources said that the total cost of the Iran-Iraq war was about \$100 billion (£71.4 billion) and the market for arms deals was enormous.

The sources said it was "the hottest weapons market in the world" and Israel could not ignore the opportunity.

The sources said that dealers were off-loading hundreds of tons of spare parts, from Phantom tyres to screws for fuselages.

The third reason was the Israeli connection. The Israeli Government realized that President Reagan could not make up his mind in 1983-84 whether to go for the pro-Iranian school in Washington, represented by the National Security Council, or the anti-Iranian school, represented by the State Department.



President Reagan, facing the biggest storm of his presidency over clandestine arms shipments to Iran, which have forced Admiral John Poindexter's resignation.

Two Reagan aides go in Iran arms deal money scandal

Continued from page 1 Friends of the President that Mr Shultz be sacked. But he resigned after Mr Meese was told of the Contra connection, is returning to the Navy.

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Colonel's shadowy world

Continued from page 1 Reagan Administration's decision to force down an Egyptian aircraft carrying the Arab terrorists who hijacked the Achille Lauro cruise ship last year.

In Washington circles, all that was really known about Colonel North amounted to cocktail circuit gossip, press speculation and some sketchy biographical background.

Born in Texas, Oliver North - "Ollie" to friends - had graduated from the US Naval Academy in the late 1960s, opting for the Marines and the certainty of front-line duty in Vietnam. He emerged from the war with the scars of two wounds, America's third highest combat decoration and a tight circle of fellow officers who shared his passionate belief that Communism must be confronted wherever it showed its head.

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Exercise in Oman

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They had taken off from bases in England more than 10 hours earlier and flew 4,200 miles non-stop, with each aircraft being refuelled up to seven times by Tristar tankers.

It was the longest non-stop flight ever made by the Tornados, and its success was a key element in achieving the main aim of the exercise, to demonstrate Britain's capability for a rapid strategic deployment out of a Nato area. For the pilots and navigators it was a demanding, arduous flight, strapped into their seats in G-suits. To help pass the hours through the night they played music tapes over cockpit sound systems.

Mr Wright said President Reagan told him he knew nothing about the operation until Monday afternoon. The President's professed ignorance of the whole affair and lack of full control over the actions of his NSC staff are now likely to be a principal issue.

Earlier disarray in the Administration deepened with an extraordinary attack by the State Department on the National Security Council. Mr John Whitehead, the deputy secretary of state, was accused of "an act of open rebellion" against the White House after flatly contradicting the President.

He denied the President's claim last week that there was no evidence of Iranian Government complicity in terrorism.

"I don't like to differ with my President, but I believe there is still some continuing evidence of Iranian involvement with terrorism," he said.

Snags for Austrian coalition

Dr Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, formally presented the resignation of his Government yesterday after the weekend's general election.

As Dr Vranitzky only achieved a relative majority, he must attempt to form a new coalition Government. He has made it clear that he would favour a "grand coalition" between his Socialist Party and the conservative People's Party.

But at a press conference given by Herr Alois Mock, the leader of the People's Party, yesterday the chances of such a coalition seemed to have diminished. Herr Mock has survived for the moment despite calls for his resignation after his party's disastrous showing at the polls. As he continues to refuse serving as Vice-Chancellor under Dr Vranitzky, speculation increases that he may be prepared for a coalition with the Freedom Party.

Tornadoes display Britain's rapid deployment power

From Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent Masirah, Oman

Six RAF Tornado aircraft, landing through a shimmering heat haze around the island air base of Masirah in the Arabian Sea, yesterday marked a spectacularly successful phase of the important United Kingdom-Omani military exercise, Saif Sareea.

They had taken off from bases in England more than 10 hours earlier and flew 4,200 miles non-stop, with each aircraft being refuelled up to seven times by Tristar tankers.

It was the longest non-stop flight ever made by the Tornados, and its success was a key element in achieving the main aim of the exercise, to demonstrate Britain's capability for a rapid strategic deployment out of a Nato area.

For the pilots and navigators it was a demanding, arduous flight, strapped into their seats in G-suits. To help pass the hours through the night they played music tapes over cockpit sound systems.

Wing Commander Rick Peacock-Edwards, commanding officer of 229 Operational Conversion Unit based at Coningsby, was tired and nursing aching muscles when he climbed out of his cockpit, but said: "It was a long night but everything went exceptionally well. The aircraft are ready to go back into action almost straight away."

Battle rages in town captured by PLO

Sidon (AP) - Street fighting raged in a strategic hilltop town in southern Lebanon on Tuesday as Shia Muslim militiamen tried to dislodge PLO guerrillas from highlands captured a day earlier.

At least one Palestinian was killed and 24 others were wounded, police said. The mainstream Shia Amal militia of Mr Nabih Berri, the Justice Minister, broke into the eastern part of Magdoushe and recaptured at least one-third of the town from Mr Yasser Arafat's PLO guerrillas, they said.

Amal claimed it had recaptured the town, about three miles south-east of the port city of Sidon.

Reporters and photographers were unable to get into Magdoushe, but said they could see smoke billowing from several parts of the town.

Police said thousands of Shia militiamen mounted the counter-offensive from the coastal town of Ghazieh and the inland village of Anqoun.

They said Israeli helicopters flew several reconnaissance missions overnight, apparently to monitor the fighting.

In Damascus, representatives of the warring groups met again yesterday. Mr George Hawi, the Lebanese Communist Party leader, who attended the meeting, said they were "about to reach a settlement" that could end the hostilities.

At least 40 people were killed and 85 wounded in the PLO's thrust from Sidon's refugee camps of Ein el-Hilweh and Miyeh-Miyeh on Monday. It was the largest offensive in south Lebanon by Mr Arafat's PLO fighters since the Israeli invasion of 1982.



A young Palestinian guerrilla helping to load machine-gun ammunition into belts near Magdoushe yesterday as Amal militia fought to recapture the Lebanese town.

Muslims call for UN protection

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

The worried leader of Jerusalem's Islamic community called yesterday for an international peace-keeping force to be sent into the Old City to restore order.

Sheikh Sad Eddin al-Alami used his authority as chairman of the Waqf, the Higher Islamic Council, which controls the Muslim holy places, to call in the small corps of consuls serving in East Jerusalem, including those of Britain, the United States, France, Belgium and Spain, to ask them to pass on his message to their governments. He read his statement to the

consuls before a news conference he called in a little building in the courtyard of the Dome of the Rock.

Fear had been created in the hearts of the citizens, he told the consuls. His people feared for their lives and their property because they were threatened by extremist Zionists, especially the Kach Party.

Supporters of Kach stoned through the Old City on Sunday evening shouting "Death to Arabs" in what was supposed to be a memorial service for a young Jewish Bible student stabbed to death in the Muslim quarter a week earlier. Scores of Jews had since been arrested for attacks

on Arabs or their property. "We beg the whole world" to bring security back to the Arab citizens of Jerusalem, he said. Not only were the living in danger, but graves in an old Muslim cemetery were now "subject to the wheels and the bulldozers of different machines which seek to install sewerage pipes".

He also drew attention to the treatment of Arab prisoners in Israeli prisons.

"For all these reasons, we are in need of the effects of a UN force to protect us," he said. But his advisers had altered the wording of his original statement, which directly asked for a UN force.

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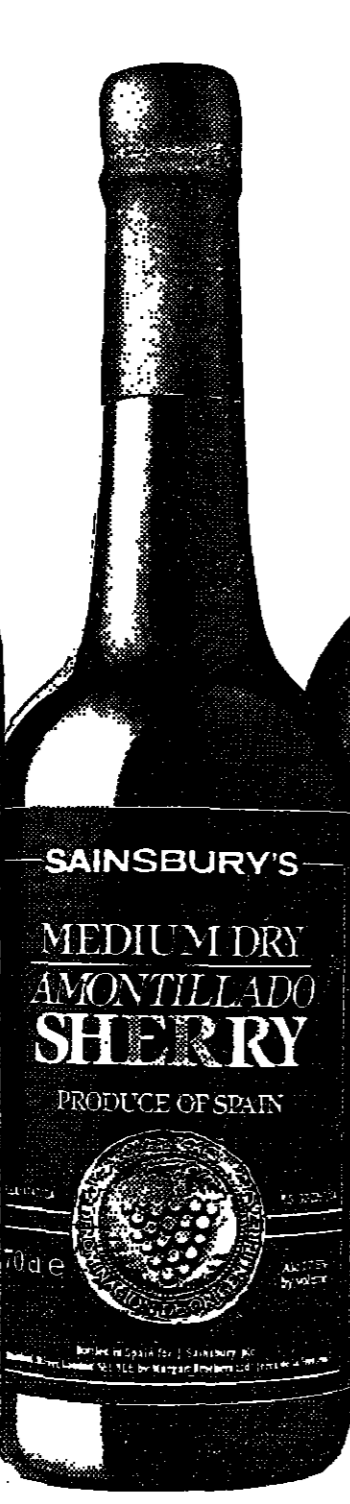
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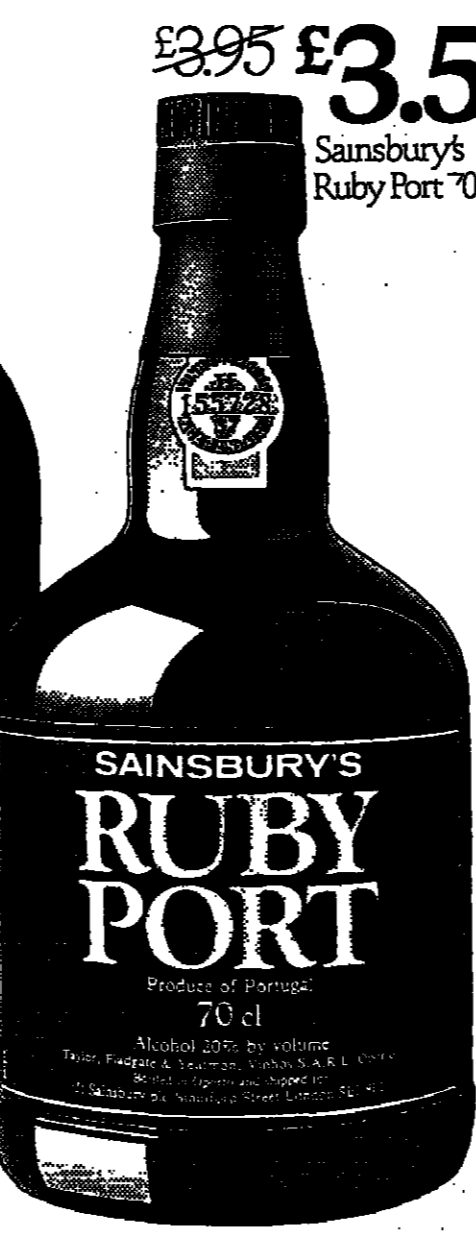
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Mafia leaders charged over Teamsters election fraud

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Four leading crime bosses have been charged with carrying out a fraudulent scheme to ensure the election of Mr Jackie Presser as head of the Teamsters union in 1983. The charges are another breakthrough in the FBI's intensive drive to clear the attention is focused on the Teamsters and Mr Presser is himself a prime target. Last May a Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland indicted him for embezzlement and racketeering charges he denies. FBI agents have been dissecting the Teamsters' books for 32 months in its search for mobster links, which the Justice Department believes date back to the 1950s. One of those charged in the latest scandal is Anthony "Fat Tony" Salerno, convicted boss of the Genovese crime group, who was among eight people found guilty last week of operating a "commission" that ruled the Mafia in the United States.

The others named in the indictment are Milton (Matshe) Rockman, John (Peanuts) Tronolone, and Vincent (Fish) Cafaro. Federal authorities have identified Mr Cafaro as captain of the Genovese crime group; Mr Tronolone, aged 75, as a member of the Cleveland crime group; and Mr Rockman, aged 73, as an associate of both groups.

The US Justice Department is backing the drive against the mob in trade unionism. Four

other unions are also being investigated - the International Longshoremen's Association; the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; the Bartenders' International Union; and the Labourers' International Union of North America. All face the possibility of being put under court supervision.

The latest charges say that in 1983 the four mobsters intervened in the Teamsters election process and devised a scheme "to obtain money and other things of value through control and influence of Jackie Presser as President of the Teamsters International". The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years.

The indictment stated that the crime was part of a pattern of activities that the Genovese Group conducted in violation of the federal racketeering law. The defendants were accused of influencing certain Teamsters officials to support the election of Mr Presser by the union's executive board to replace Mr Roy Williams, who is serving a 10-year sentence for trying to bribe a senator.

The indictment alleges that one of the defendants met the heads of organized crime families in Chicago and Cleveland to seek their approval for the selection of Mr Presser. A key prosecution witness will be Angelo Lonardo, former underboss of the Cleveland crime family, who also testified in the commission trial and at a trial of organized crime figures in Kansas City.

Teachers seek place for blacks

From Michael Hurnsby Johannesburg

There are 205,000 unused places in whites-only schools in South Africa which could be filled by black pupils if the education system was desegregated, a report by the South African Teachers' Association (SATA) has revealed.

The findings of the report, which also calls for state schools to be opened to children of all races, have been approved unanimously by SATA's membership, which represents more than 3,000 white, English-speaking teachers in Cape province.

The Government, meanwhile, was accused yesterday of "injection" and "trying to bury" a report by the President's Council, a multi-racial advisory body which would have recommended relaxation of the Group Areas Act. This is the legislation which enforces segregation of residential areas, hospitals and schools, and is one of the chief remaining pillars of apartheid.

According to informed sources, the report would have advocated a "local option", whereby those white municipal councils which wished to do so would be allowed to throw the gates under their jurisdiction open to all races.

The report would normally have been adopted after formal debate by the full council of this week. But the council's steering committee, on which the ruling National Party has a majority, unexpectedly referred the report back to the constitutional committee for further study, a procedure which could mean a delay of at least six months.

Paris students protest at reform



Truncheon-wielding policemen watching a protest march by thousands of high school students in the Latin Quarter of Paris yesterday against a Bill to reform the university system that has triggered strikes at universities around France (AP reports from Paris). They converged on Boulevard St Mi-

chel, demanding the resignation of M Alain Devaquet, the Minister of Higher Education and Research and the author of the controversial Bill which is to be debated in the National Assembly tomorrow. Police broke up the demonstration without incident after half an hour.

Burst of activity as Britain tries to finalize EEC plans

From Richard Owen, Brussels

An "end-of-term" spate of activity is underway in Brussels in an attempt to finalize as much as possible of Britain's programme before it hands over the Presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers to Belgium next month.

The farm spending crisis, the budget overrun and completion of the internal market are at the top of the agenda. Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in an address to the English Speaking Union in Brussels that agricultural over-production had led to half of the EEC budget paying for the disposal or storage of surplus products, and this "simply cannot go on".

The final rush to complete business starts today with a meeting of EEC budget ministers chaired by Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State at the Treasury and President of the EEC Budget Council.

There is also to be a final Internal Market Council meeting next Monday, just before the EEC London summit, and a marathon Farm Council meeting on December 8 and 9, coinciding with Mrs Thatcher's address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

But the ministers also have to deal urgently with a dramatic shortfall in the 1986 budget, much of it due to the soaring costs of farm spending, the fall in the dollar - which affects the prices the

EEC gets for farm products on the world market - and a fall in revenues from customers and tariffs.

In September the Commission warned the ministers that the 1986 shortfall would be around half a billion pounds, but officials say that figure is now a conservative estimate.

Mrs Chalker acknowledged that progress on the internal market and cheaper air fares had been disappointing.

She said achievements of the British Presidency included progress on a joint EEC strategy for job creation and easing the burdens placed on businesses, and progress in tackling terrorism and drugs.

These would be among the themes of the EEC London summit next week.

There had also been "progress in adapting the Common Agricultural Policy to the world of the 1980s and 1990s".

"Taxpayers, consumers and even farmers in the EEC, in other producer countries and in the developing world are saying enough is enough - or more precisely, more than enough is too much," Mrs Chalker said.

"When you get to the point where calves are being fed surplus milk at a cost to the community of 113,000 Belgian francs (£1,883) per tonne, it is not surprising that even the calves are starting to say no."

Mrs Chalker said Britain had full confidence in Belgium's ability to handle unresolved issues in 1987, but on farm policy "we cannot afford to wait".

Officials said there was also concern that the budget overrun would damage research and technology funding.

Shooting dashes Bonn hope

From John England Bonn

The shooting of a young East German who tried to escape to the West over the Berlin Wall on Monday has dashed Bonn's hopes that the order for East German border guards to use their guns against escapers had been relaxed.

A number of escapes since August in which border guards fired no shots had led to speculation in the West German press that the guards might have turned a blind eye on orders from East Berlin.

The most spectacular recent escape was that of an East Berliner, aged 32, his woman companion, aged 28, and their daughter, aged eight months, who snaked through the barriers at Checkpoint Charlie in a seven-ton lorry. Guards fired three shots but the occupants were unhurt.

A few days later a family of four escaped by swimming the Wacknitz River after making their way through the border "death strip".

Three East German men swam Berlin's Teltow Canal on September 23 after negotiating border barriers on the eastern bank. East German guards did not see them or did not fire at them. Ten East Germans by then had escaped to West Germany by swimming waterways - a night within only five weeks. None were shot at.

The Government has made a strong protest to the East Germans over Monday's shooting and Herr Heinrich Windelen, the West German Minister for Inter-German Relations, yesterday described the shooting as "murder at the Wall".

Five die in attack on oil rig

Abu Dhabi (Reuters) - Five oil-rig workers were killed and at least 20 injured in an attack by unidentified aircraft on Abu Dhabi's offshore Abu al-Bukhoos oilfield in the Gulf yesterday.

Oil industry sources said two missiles hit the field's main terminal 100 miles north-west of Abu Dhabi, damaging living quarters and an oil production platform. Oil production was halted and the site evacuated. Informed sources said the total number of casualties could be as high as 50.

Robbers flee

Tokyo (AP) - Robbers hit an armoured car driver in the head and sprayed his face with a chemical in Tokyo on Tuesday, escaping with 330 million yen (£1.3 million) in Japan's biggest cash robbery.

Cocaine haul

Geneva (AP) - Police have seized a record 44lb of pure cocaine in an unclaimed suitcase arriving at Geneva airport from Peru.

Poison charge

Belgrade (Reuters) - Mr Nedeljko Berisa, a director of a smelting firm in southern Yugoslavia has been charged with allowing poisonous waste to pollute two local rivers.

Pastures new

Stockholm - One thousand reindeer were moved yesterday by lorry from winter pastures in the northern Swedish province of Jamtland, made radioactive by fall-out from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, 300 miles south to uncontaminated grazing.

Polish farmers revive Rural Solidarity

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish farmers' protest movement, the banned Rural Solidarity union, has announced its rebirth in the form of a "temporary council" which will fight for peasants' rights and, in the words of its founding statement, "try to save Poland from a food catastrophe".

The statement was signed by only three activists, including Mr Jozef Telega, the veteran dissident who helped to establish Rural Solidarity in July 1981. The new "temporary council" said that it would also incorporate nine other activists who would stay anonymous to them to work in the underground.

After the Polish authorities released all political prisoners - including such leading Solidarity figures as Mr Zbigniew Bajak - Solidarity tried to work out a way in which it could function openly as a pressure group on the Government while, at the same time, keeping alive some of the old underground structures.

They came up with the idea of "temporary councils of Solidarity" which would be established in all major Polish cities

and co-ordinate what was left of the union protest movement. So far they have been rather quiet, partly because of arguments about strategy. Communist Party sources say that temporary Solidarity councils have tried to register themselves officially in at least 10 Warsaw provinces, presenting their statutes and aims to the local authorities.

Usually the boards include former members of the underground opposition and are regarded with suspicion by the authorities, who have yet to register any of the councils.

The current debate in the Solidarity opposition is how far one should co-operate with the authorities in achieving desirable goals, such as an improvement in consumer supplies or the reduction of pollution, or more obviously political ambitions like union rights. The issue has been crystallized in the current attempts by the Government to establish social consultative councils which would put officials and noncommunist intellectuals together at the same negotiating table.

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The M15 spy book hearing in Australia

Whitehall accused of inconsistency

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Whitehall's policy of restraining confidential information is inconsistent, the New South Wales Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Peter Wright, tendered a number of books and exhibits in support of this contention. He argued that information in The Ties That Bind, a book published last year without hindrance from the British Government, was in topicality and by nature far more sensitive than anything in the Wright book which the Government is seeking to suppress.

Mr Turnbull said the book contained "eye-glazing detail" of the British intelligence services, including recent heads, structures, addresses and information on sabotage and demolition schools.

When Mr Turnbull put this to Sir Robert Armstrong, in his fifth day under cross-examination, the Cabinet Secretary said he had not read The Ties That Bind and could not compare the two books. "I would certainly regret the

publication of British information in such a book." He agreed, however, that nothing had been done to stop it.

Mr Turnbull said that, although the British Government would still not officially confirm the existence of M16, the book, The Ties That Bind, gave the organization's headquarters at 100 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1.

The book, by Jeffrey Richelson, an American, and Desmond Ball, an Australian, also listed similarly detailed information on the security services of the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, including signals intelligence, code-names and detailed technical information, he added.

Another book, Conspiracy of Silence, published in Britain last week, contained many direct quotations from members of the security services, Mr Turnbull said.

Sir Robert replied that those involved had been reminded of their duty of confidentiality. Asked why the Government had not sought to restrain publication, he added: "The view was taken that, though the breach of the duty of confidentiality was repre-

hensible, the actual material was not sufficiently damaging to warrant the extreme measure of seeking an injunction."

The material was either already in the public domain or was trivial, he added. The Wright book, on the other hand, was considered by the nature of its disclosures to go far beyond that.

In argument against the Government's contention that it had never allowed publication of writings by an "insider" from the security services, Mr Turnbull cited four examples which he said fell into that category.

They were: Clock Without Dagger, by Sir Percy Sillitoe, head of M15 in the 1950s; The Philby Affair, by Hugh Trevor-Roper, a wartime member of M16; The Cambridge Comintern, an essay by Robert Cecil, another former M16 officer, and Handbook for Spies, by Alexander Foote, who was said to be a Russian agent but was actually an M15 man writing under a pseudonym.

Mr Turnbull also submitted a series of articles published in the New Statesman and the Guardian covering such subjects as CCHQ, phone-tapping and M15 structure, which

Sir Robert acknowledged Whitehall had made no effort to restrain.

Faced with this volume of material to read, Mr Justice Powell remarked to Mr Turnbull: "Please remember that in 13 years, 11 months and 14 days, I reach the statutory age of judicial senility."

Nearing the end of his cross-examination of Sir Robert in open court, Mr Turnbull referred to a letter to Mrs Thatcher from Mr Jonathan Aitken MP, in January 1980, shortly after she disclosed the treachery of Anthony Blunt in the Commons.

Mr Turnbull said the letter had called for a full statement to restore public confidence in the security services, along with an announcement on a major reorganization. What consideration had been given to these suggestions?

Sir Robert: "The Prime Minister decided there should not be a statement of that kind. She made that decision and informed Mr Aitken and he accepted it."

Later Mr Turnbull asked whether, since 1979, the Government had given "serious consideration" to changing

the policy of disclosures of intelligence matters.

No, Sir Robert replied.

Mr Turnbull put it to him that Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, had not sought an injunction against Mr Chapman Pincher's book, Their Trade Is Treachery, because he had given an assurance that "there was no ongoing problem of penetration of the security services, which assurance did not agree with the opinion of his principal source, Mr Wright."

Sir Robert denied it. Mr Turnbull: "There has been a number of matters (covered in cross-examination) where you were unable to give the court substantiated answers. I have invited you to make further inquiries. Have you sought any such further information?"

Sir Robert: "I have not sought any further information."

The cross-examination of Sir Robert is due to go into closed session today after legal argument in which the British side is expected to argue that it is not obliged to produce certain documents ordered by the court on the ground that they are covered by a "public interest immunity" clause.



The Prince of Wales talking to members of the British 3rd Parachute Regiment and the Canadian Airborne Regiment in the UN buffer zone near Nicaragua yesterday.

Philippines 'close' to ceasefire agreement

From David Watts Manila

The Philippines Government may sign a ceasefire agreement with Communist insurgents before the end of the week.

Emerging from some eight hours of negotiations with representatives of the National Democratic Front at a secret location, Mr Ramon Mitra, who is Minister of Agriculture and one of the Government's three negotiators, said there had been substantial progress.

He said finalisation of the agreement could come as early as today, but in any event he expected it to be signed before the deadline of November 30 set by President Aquino.

Mr Mitra said that additional talks led to be made to the pact, but the general principles were already in place for a ceasefire that would last less than 100 days suggested by the NDF. Once agreement was reached the cessation of hostile acts could begin in early December.

It remains to be seen, however, whether Mr Mitra's optimism is justified. Yesterday's was the third meeting which he had indicated was "a make or break" meeting. One of his fellow-negotiators said earlier in the week that there remained two sticking points.

The negotiator, Mr Teofisto Guingona, also said that the points were ones which the Manila Government could not concede.

Each time the two sides have come close to agreement in the past, some external factor has delayed the final signing. The negotiations began on August 5 and broke off at the end of September when Mr Rodolfo Falas, chairman of the NDF's military commission and of the New People's Army, the party's military wing, was arrested.

The talks were later resumed by the NDF without the release of Mr Falas, but broke off again last month after the murder of the labour leader, Mr Rolando Orlina. The Communists tabled yesterday despite the fact that no progress has been made in investigating that killing.

Asked if the removal as Defence Minister of Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, who had been advocating a tougher line against the Communists, had had any effect on the negotiations, Mr Mitra said there had been none.

The new Defence Minister, Mr Rafael Nieto, has initially welcomed the Government's stance of negotiating a ceasefire. But he is known in private to be concerned that the communists are getting beyond the grasp of the poorly-equipped armed forces of the Philippines to control.

Wright says Government tried to discredit him

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Mr Peter Wright, the figure at the centre of the M15 spy book trial, emerged briefly from seclusion here yesterday to counter what he said was an attempt by the British Government to discredit him through the columns of The Times.

Looking frail and unwell, the former M15 mole hunter admitted receiving royalties for his collaboration with Mr Chapman Pincher on the book Their Trade Is Treachery, but said Mr Pincher was mistaken when he told The Times that he had not been involved in the payments.

"I can prove, and will prove in court, this is not true," Mr Wright said.

his first public appearance over his own book, he said that, as the book had "selectively" parts of his evidence when he told The Times, he had no choice but to make a statement containing the testimony he is to give in court. "I am not going to answer questions," he said.

Wright said he had been approached "totally out of the blue" by Lord Rothschild, who sent him a first-class air ticket "inviting me to come to London to discuss the impact of the Blunt disclosures".

The following is the statement made by Mr Peter Wright in Australia yesterday: "As you will no doubt be aware, I have been preparing for my appearance in court next week, and in particular preparing a full disclosure of the circumstances of the publication of Their Trade Is Treachery.

However, the Government this weekend has selectively leaked parts of my evidence to the Whitehall correspondent of The Times in an effort to discredit me in advance. Accordingly, I have no choice but to make a public statement which will of necessity contain information which will be part of my testimony.

In the summer of 1980, I received a letter and a first-class air ticket from Lord Rothschild inviting me to come to London to discuss the impact of the Blunt disclosures, disclosures with which I was not involved in any way. This approach came totally out of the blue.

When I arrived Lord Rothschild explained that he had recently met Mrs Thatcher, and that she was inexperienced in intelligence matters. We discussed the Hollis affair, as we had many times before. I expressed concern that the true facts of the Hollis case be

placed in front of her, and showed Lord Rothschild a paper I had begun to write on the subject. I asked him if he would be prepared to use his influence to place the document in Mrs Thatcher's hands. Lord Rothschild said this approach would not work, as Mrs Thatcher would feel obliged to refer any official approach direct to M15. He told me that the best way to procure a proper investigation of the Hollis affair was to write a book.

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In this way, Mr Wright said, he believed that he was drawn into an "authorized but deniable operation" to bring what he termed "the Hollis affair and other M15 scandals" into the open.

When he got to London, Mr Wright said he had discussed

his concerns about Sir Roger Hollis, former head of M15, with Lord Rothschild as he had "many times before".

Mr Wright said he told Lord Rothschild he had started writing a paper on the subject and asked if he could not bring it to the attention of Mrs Thatcher, who had informed the nation of Professor Blunt's treachery in a Commons statement only months earlier.

Lord Rothschild had told him that the Prime Minister "was inexperienced in intelligence matters". He said that a book was the best way to get a new investigation into Sir Roger and suggested Mr Pincher as a possible author.

Mr Wright said Lord Rothschild had telephoned Mr Pincher, "and shortly afterwards he appeared. I had the distinct impression this meeting had been pre-arranged."

An offer of royalty payments, to be made through Lord Rothschild's Swiss bank, was gratefully accepted by Mr Wright, who said he had been in financial difficulties at the time.

Mr Wright said that, although he had been "terrified of getting into trouble", he had been reassured by Lord Rothschild, and could not conceive of him embarking on such a project without the sanction, albeit unofficial, "of the authorities".

Everything that he knew about Lord Rothschild, and the ease with which Their Trade Is Treachery was published, made him believe that "the powers that be" had approved the book.

Churches fight Kenya Bill

From A Correspondent Nairobi

The National Christian Council of Kenya (NCKC) has joined the legal profession in expressing reservations about proposed amendments to the Kenyan Constitution which would remove the security of tenure enjoyed by the Attorney-General and the Controller and Auditor-General.

The Law Society of Kenya has called on Parliament to reject the Bill as being against the public interest.

Bishop Alexander Mugo, the Anglican Bishop, read a statement signed by the NCKC general secretary, Mr John Kamau, and the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya, the Rt Rev Lavi Imathiu, expressing "deep concern" about the proposals.

The Minister for Labour, Mr Peter Okondo, has defended proposed changes, saying a permanent Attorney-General was alien to democracy, and an Auditor-General could not continue in office if he fell out of favour.

Mr Okondo said security of tenure for the Attorney-General was provided in the Constitution at Kenya's independence, because European settlers demanded it.

Police stop bid to kill Pope

Brisbane (Reuter) - Australian police yesterday arrested a former mental patient armed with five fire bombs who, they said, had planned to kill the Pope "because he has got too much money".

The Sydney resident, aged 24 and recently discharged from a mental hospital, told detectives he had come to Brisbane three days ago to kill the Pope.

He was arrested in the lobby of Brisbane Town Hall after being discovered during a routine security check seven hours before the Pope arrived during the second day of his week-long visit to Australia.

He was carrying a cardboard box containing five soft drink bottles each filled with a litre of petrol. They were taped together.

Police said the man told them he went to the Town Hall as part of his research for an article on the Pope, but he decided to throw the petrol bombs. A Papal spokesman declined to say if the Pope had been told about the arrest, but police said his bodyguards were informed.

The Pope was shot and severely wounded in St Peter's Square in 1981 and a Spanish priest lunged at him with a bayonet in Portugal a year later.

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THE ARTS

Nuclear families

"It's like putting a log in the middle of your larder" groused one of the protesters in The Dump (BBC2), a 40 Minutes special on the Lincolnshire village whose disused site is to be recycled as a nuclear site.

TELEVISION

The local squire, whose family has been in residence for an even longer period of time and with no deleterious consequences, thinks this is a very bad idea. So do the visiting vicar, a sometimes met-

One could not but think that the impoverished black villagers in Pleinpois 86: Back to the Frontier (Central) had a deal more to protest about. With malnutrition and lack of sanitation, half of all children in the black hamlets die before their fifth birthday.

Martin Cropper

Sun, sea, sand and savagery

THEATRE

B29 Théâtre de la Porte St-Martin, Paris

Two American airmen forced into the roles of Robinson Crusoe and Man Friday, ramshackle Second World War style, is the nub of B29, written by Alain Page, directed by Derek Goldby, starring Richard Berry and Niels Arestrop. It is best described as wide-screen theatre. The filmic qualities of this encounter of a distinctly masculine kind are, however, no real surprise: this is Page's first foray into live drama from a successful career as a novelist-cum-screen-playwright, and most recently as a film-maker with Taxi Boy.

Out of the darkness come the eardrum-bombarding sounds of an airborne B29 fighting for its life, losing and spinning earthwards. The blackness lifts to the gentle swish of the ocean and exotic bird-song, and the wrecked fuselage of the aircraft discovered, nestling amongst the palm trees of a Pacific island paradise. This is captured down to the last scatter of unhushed coconuts by Jean-Marie Fievez's aplaudable drawing design, realistically executed by Robert Petit with the help of the tropical-green fingers of Pierre Declercq.

Four years have passed, and the war is over, but not for the two forgotten survivors of the crashed bomber - Sergeant Sam Hunter (Arestrop) and Private Tony La Motta (Berry) - whose castaway existence has evolved into a harsh fantasy world, given shape and purpose by past realities.

They continue to act out the military routine: the daily ritual of running up a sun-bleached rag that was once the American colours, a regular arms inspection. But the real force behind their existence is Hunter's enforcement and La Motta's apparent concurrence in maintaining the military pecking-order. Hunter progressively elevates himself to the rank of General and La Motta to that of Commander. Nevertheless, at base, their relationship is always that of master and slave.

Before the war La Motta was a jazz musician and his hornist memories are easy plunder for the sexually deprived Hunter. La Motta intuitively exploits this, donning with equal ease the personality of a pimp-wristed hairdresser or a stinky-hipped female dancer. Inevitably, Hunter is led towards making real sexual advances, which are forcibly rebuffed. The master/slave syndrome begins to crack open.

Page's not altogether original dialogue is often superfluous to the performers' own remarkable physical interpretation of the characters, aided by a second wave of cinema realism with close-up deep, all-over sustains (maintained by daily sessions under ultraviolet lamps), grizzled, unshaven chins, matted hair, tattered but accurate uniforms, US airmen circa 1940 for the use of.

However, the convincing qualities of Arestrop's fat-cat, vicious, slow-thinking, supercilious Hunter, and Berry's contrasting dark, lean, alley-cat, subversively cunning La Motta go far beyond facial stibble and a spell under a sun-lamp. They are the product of a near perfect coordination between two exceptional actors and a director who knows exactly what he wants, and how to get it.

B29 is the British-born Goldby's first Paris production. During the past 10 years he has been closely involved in the Belgian theatre, as well as continuing to work regularly in the UK, USA and Canada. This international patina shows itself to some advantage in his outspoken treatment of B29. In complete contrast to the liberated images on French television and cinema screens, in the theatre there still lingers an outmoded and inhibiting decorum, particularly in the private sector, which all too often results in emasculation. Page's cinema experience ignores this and Goldby's direction keeps the actors well squared, without turning them into a Broadway pastiche.

The big-screen imagery has not gone unnoticed: an American company has already shown an interest in turning B29 into a film.

Diane Hill



Falling rank: Niels Arestrop and Richard Berry as the forgotten castaways in B29.

Bringing up baby

Fathers Tower, Canonbury

Although the English theatre has been buzzing with political drama for the past 15 years there have been surprisingly few plays on specific public issues, and fewer still with any concrete proposals for reform.

Playwrights may consider themselves above this journalistic task, or leave it to television. But the "true book" tradition proves still very much alive in this piece by Charles Langley. The subject (discussed by Barbara Amiel in The Times on November 19) is that of the rights of the unmarried father to his offspring if the mother opts for adoption, single parenthood, or abortion.

Fathers follows through a test case from the breakdown of a partnership to a settle-

ment out of court. After four years with Tim, the pregnant Kate ducks out of the approaching marriage and decides to have her child adopted. To her and everyone else's amazement, Tim digs in his heels and fights for custody. As the only child of a wealthy factory-owner, he knows what it is like to grow up in a house where Daddy is always busy, and is determined not to hand on the damage to the next generation. At once he finds himself in a labyrinth of legal discrimination and prejudice, where social workers, feminists and his own family share the same incredulity at the sight of a man who would rather bring up a child than go out and make money.

From the highly-slanted treatment of Tim's antagonists, I am not persuaded that Mr Langley knows very much about militant feminists or captains of industry. But there is no disputing the authority

and passion he brings to the central issue, both in sorting out the legal inequities, and in pinning down the thought-asphyxiating clichés that surround the subject.

The piece is written in solid, serviceable dialogue, with comic relief tacked on like a fretwork frame round a family photo. But the narrative gets a clean run; and in the final duel everything superfluous is burnt away in the intense heat of feeling.

There is some excellent support playing (from Tom Tillery and Marcus Toulmin-Rothe), and a main partnership of strengthening interest from Bob Hutt and Maria Davies.

Irving Wardle

David Thacker's production of Ghosts, acclaimed by Irving Wardle at its Young Vic opening last month, has now transferred to Wyndham's Theatre.

Russia's voice raised in joy

CONCERTS

Arkhipova/Ilya Wigmore Hall/Radio 3



Glowing: Irina Arkhipova

With the voice of Mother Russia captive within the Wigmore Hall, one wanted the bedtime stories to go on and on into the night. As it was, Irina Arkhipova was being broadcast live as part of the BBC's Russian Season, so she had to stop just at the point at which, having been spoilt by Mussorgsky's "Gopak" and Rachmaninov's "Do not weep for me", one longed to whine for still more.

Any London recital by Arkhipova is a landmark in the singing year. This one will be particularly memorable because of the repertoire which the BBC's season invited: rarely performed and revelatory late-nineteenth and twentieth-century works by Medtner and Taneyev, Shapov and Sviridov. What is more, in Ivani Ilya, from the Moscow Conservatoire, Arkhipova has a pianist not only her equal in technical and imaginative virtuosity, but also equal to the voracious appetite of Medtner's accompaniments.

Arkhipova, unbelievably, has had more than 60 years to know and nurture her voice: seldom does one hear the instrument and the mind be-

hind it in such intensely live accord. Listening to her scaling of Taneyev's sinister "Minuet" - a dance of death with a view to the guillotine - or following the entire range of the mezzo voice as it tracks the bare octaves of Sviridov's "Silhouette" was an experience comparable to hearing Shakespeare read by the finest of actors: proportion and pitch, weight and measure, all vibrantly alive in the joy of re-creation.

We were even to hear of a sample of this, too: the voice rose from speech into song and back again in Sviridov's "Willow Song" from his incidental music to Othello. Sviridov, a pupil of Shostakovich, was happily presented at his most ideologically unfettered in two more pieces: a delightful Siberian folk-song, and a setting of Pushkin's "Winter Road".

Hilary Finch

Philharmonia/Haitink Festival Hall

It would be ironic if Mikhail Pletnev's reputation in the West soared after this impressive performance of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. For the young Soviet pianist was playing only because his erstwhile compatriot, Vladimir Ashkenazy, had withdrawn for solid capitalist reasons.

Pletnev has not played in Britain or America since shortly after winning the 1978 Tchaikovsky Competition. One can understand the Russians' concern that he should not accidentally get lost on foreign soil. He has a superb technique by any standards, presenting a glittering cascade of steely-toned figuration in the early unaccompanied variation, taking a refreshingly unselfish view of the harsh sections, and tackling the ferocious octave

rums with insouciant speed and accuracy.

How deep does his musicianship run? That question will have to be answered another day, for here I found my ear constantly being drawn away from his ideas and towards Bernard Haitink's masterly delineation of the orchestral writing. Haitink revealed some remarkable inner details that usually lie obscured (particularly in the early variations), and he maintained a razor-sharp ensemble at considerable pace. The general effect was very but exhilarating.

The performance of Bruckner's Fourth Symphony was a much more spacious affair, for Haitink is both patient and courageous enough to seek long-term rewards, not to fiddle about with the speeds of second subjects. He was rewarded with some vintage Philharmonia playing, particularly from the principal horn Richard Watkins.

Richard Morrison

Holliger/Northern Sinfonia/Pay Huddersfield Polytechnic

Monday in Huddersfield was predominantly Heinz Holliger's day. In the lunch-time concert, we heard three of his more intimate compositions, two of them supremely idiomatic studies for solo instruments not his own, while later he gave a marvellous performance of a work by John Casken with the Northern Sinfonia.

But first of all, Jean Sulem attacked the ferociously unremitting Trema for viola (1981) like a man possessed, achieving the intended multi-layered, simultaneously fast and slow effect quite brilliantly. In fact one was tempted to suspect that technical considerations motivated this work more than expressive ones. Not so in (J'ai) for solo flute (1978/83), one of a series of

pieces composed during the last decade in which Holliger attempts to reflect the strangely timeless late verse of Hölderlin.

Here the composer requires the protagonist to tackle any number of new techniques. Few flautists other than Aurèle Nicolet could have negotiated such a plethora of harmonics, whistlings, sharp intakes of breath, and even a basso rasperio with such exactitude, while at the same time achieving an impression of sustained line. The result is actually a delight, as in a rather different manner is Holliger's Trio for oboe, viola and harp (1966), justly one of his most celebrated works.

The Casken piece in the Northern Sinfonia's evening concert, which Antony Pay conducted, was the ingenious, haunting Manage for oboe, solo, two horns and strings of 1982, a five-movement structure full of shadowy metamorphoses and commentaries which nevertheless bears itself with a classical elegance.

Stephen Pettitt

A new jazz age for the cinema

The French film director Bertrand Tavernier never treads the same road twice. His new film, Round Midnight, recalls the days when emigré jazzmen were a cult in Paris. Interview by John Preston

The cinema has never had much time for jazz. Hollywood, in particular, has tended to regard jazzmen with grave suspicion, partly because they were inclined to be black, and partly because the unpredictability of jazz was held by some to be a fundamental drive of the cinema. In fact it was, as film director Bertrand Tavernier is quick to point out, his fellow countryman Louis Malle who asked Miles Davis to write his first film score for Ascenseur pour l'échafaud in 1958. And now Tavernier is out to carry on Malle's good work in Round Midnight, which opens at the



Cautious, hand signals: Bertrand Tavernier has gone for diversity in a 12-year career in features

Warner West End at the end of the week. Set primarily in Paris in the late 1930s, the film follows the mixed fortunes of an elderly black American saxophonist as he struggles to stay off the drink and out of the financial clutches of various avuncular and outstandingly oily impresarios. Based on a loose amalgam of Bud Powell and Lester Young, the character is played by veteran jazzman Dexter Gordon.

Tavernier himself, despite his canary yellow pullover, looks as if he has just stepped out of a canvas by Daumier. A large man with a long nose and an assortment of chins, his lugubrious exterior is belied by a manner which is earnest, expansive and comes complete, with a full range of frenzied hand signals.

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It was while lunching in Paris more than two years ago with Martin Scorsese and the producer Irwin Winkler that the idea for Round Midnight took serious shape. "Ever since I was a film critic I have been intrigued why jazz was used so little in the movies," Tavernier says. "Why was it that someone like Duke Ellington only scored two films? Be-bop particularly fascinated me. I've always regarded be-bop musicians as the real geniuses of American music."

"I was also fascinated by the fact that be-bop was the only music that has never been bastardized or tampered with. Somehow it is impossible to interfere with it because it is such free music. I wanted to reflect that spirit in the structure of the film: to build it up like a musical piece. There is no intricate plot with time lapses, flash forwards and things happening that don't appear to be related to each other."

Tavernier decided early on that he wanted a musician to play the lead role rather than an actor, and as soon as he saw Dexter Gordon shambling into his New York hotel room he knew he had found his man. "It is absolutely incredible, he even walks be-bop with a three-beat rhythm." At the same time, Tavernier's plans to make both the film's main characters musicians immediately went by the board. "I realized that musicians only really communicate properly when they are playing music. When you ask Dexter a question, sometimes you have to wait for up to five minutes for an answer."

Working with Gordon was, Tavernier concedes, a hazardous as well as slow business. "You know," he says in awe-struck tones, "the percentage of alcohol in his blood can be quite astounding." But Gordon turned in a performance that drew extensive plaudits from the American critics and may well do the same from the British ones later this week.

Midway through the interview a messenger comes in bearing a large fat package. Tavernier tears it open and crows excitedly when he sees it contains a copy of Michael Powell's recently published autobiography. "Michael Powell, I love him," he says, repeating it three times to dispel any doubts. "I am trying to do in my films what Powell and Pressburger did, to let the emotions carry the plot. I think a lot of my work recently has been a reaction against the current vogue in American movies where they are selling emotion instead of exploring it. In Round Midnight I wanted to go with the emotion the whole time, so that it almost became the plot as well as dictating the pace and the rhythm of the film."

In the 12 years since he started directing feature films, Tavernier has turned out a determinedly eclectic body of work, from his admirably restrained account of a school-teacher on the verge of cracking up in Une Semaine de vacances, to the sci-fi excesses of his other English language film to date, Deathwatch. "I have this terrible fear of repeating myself," he says. "For me directing movies is like exploring unknown territory: I like to explore a lot and

communicate to the audience what I have been discovering. The people I really admire are the ones who extend themselves the whole time and are not afraid of the consequences." Tavernier gazes at the Powell book and taps it sharply with his index finger. "Like you-know-who."

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The CAP the world won't wear



Part 3: No winners in the subsidies war

policies are causing everything from anger to misery and starvation to over-supply, as this third report on the state of the CAP shows

If all the victims of the Common Agricultural Policy lived in Europe, it would at least be possible to draw a line around the problem. But the CAP is a blight which knows no borders, a malaise which has infected the rice paddies of Thailand, the beef herds of Argentina, the industrial and agricultural heartlands of America.

It has either caused, or significantly contributed to, a situation where Third World farmers, once unable to produce enough, are now unable to sell what they do produce because of competition from cheap imports; where President Reagan, once the high priest of free trade, now finds himself forced to put up barriers against Europe; where in Australia and New Zealand, whose farmers once benefited from artificially high pricing in Europe, often have to go bankrupt only because their debts are so big that the banks cannot afford to foreclose on them. There is even an argument that the CAP is indirectly adding to child prostitution in Thailand.

Hopes of change are hedged about with uncertainties and contradictions. All branches of the EEC's giant bureaucratic tree are agreed that the problem is a worldwide one, and that perception is shared in Washington. So the solution lies with the GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Some promising signals have come out of the latest GATT round, which began in Uruguay in September with an American and EEC commitment to review their extensive use of farm subsidies.

But does this amount to more than mere rhetoric? Although the GATT declaration called on member countries to discuss all subsidies, direct and indirect, Mr Willy de Clerq, the EEC's external affairs minister, says that the "aims and fundamental mechanisms of the CAP cannot be called into question" — a statement apparently designed to placate the French which also served to baffle the Americans.

US officials say the world problem cannot be resolved until there is bilateral agreement between Washington and Brussels and that in turn cannot happen until Europe puts its CAP house in order.

Hopes of a US-EEC agreement look slim while claim and counter-claim are the main commodities

Adverse effects of Europe's Common Agricultural Policy have spread far across the world. From Buenos Aires to Sydney, from Washington to Bangkok, EEC farm

policies are causing everything from anger to misery and starvation to over-supply, as this third report on the state of the CAP shows

crossing the Atlantic. And although the US has in the past couple of years become as much of a transgressor as Europe on farm support — Washington is expected to exceed \$35 billion this year against about \$25 billion in the EEC — Europe is still seen as the main villain.

Uruguay's President Sanginetti said after the Gatt meeting that "the United States has recently passed some bad policies but Europe is our historical problem."

Washington's approach to the EEC since the GATT round opened has been conciliatory, but Daniel Amstutz, US under-secretary for Agriculture, said in Brussels recently that avoiding a breakdown of the GATT round would be a "monumental challenge."

The EEC is especially upset about the US "export enhancement programme", basically a subsidy, which costs Washington \$300 million a year. But American officials claim that "export restitutions" cost the EEC that amount every three weeks.

The US says the EEC is "deliberately discouraging" Third World imports, while Europe counter-claims that it spends \$40 billion on food imports a year, 80 per cent of it at zero tariffs.

While the buck is passed back and forth, in countries like Argentina the effects of subsidies are plain to see. "In the war between the EEC and Reagan," said one government official, "we are the losers. We have no possibility of competing because we can't afford to subsidize."

In 1970, Europe bought 48 per cent of all Argentina's exports; by 1984, the figure was down to 24 per cent. EEC subsidies have cost Argentina between \$600 million and \$1 billion in the last two years, according to the government, which also says that EEC subsidies have helped Europe cut heavily into Argentina's traditional third-country markets, including the Soviet Union, Egypt and Israel.

Last year Argentina exported only one third of the meat it sold at the end of the 1970s. The final irony is that, with its farmers finding beef increasingly un-economic to produce, the government may soon have to import it to satisfy domestic demand in a coals-to-Newcastle operation.



What price the future? this Zimbabwean can't compete with Europe

Stunted growth

Black Africa has a high profile in Britain, thanks mainly to Band Aid spectacles on behalf of the famine-stricken regions. But there is much more to Africa's food problems than a mere lack of rain.

Zimbabwe, for example, with a two million tonne maize stockpile, has the potential to feed not only itself but many other African countries at a fraction of the total production, storage and transport costs which Europe incurs in getting its products to the famine areas.

But the Common Agricultural Policy, combined with the vast stockpile of farm products amassed by the United States, pose a greater menace than Africa's droughts to Zimbabwe's fertile and well-managed acres. Together they threaten to push 4,200 export-orientated commercial farmers — mainly whites — into bankruptcy, while nearly a million emergent black peasant farmers could be thrown back on to primitive subsistence agriculture.

With the accession of the Mediterranean countries to the EEC, even tobacco — the crop which white large-scale farmers felt was most secure — risks taking a cruel hammering on world markets. There are fears that the Commu-

nity might encourage the mass production of low-grade leaf which would then be dumped on world markets far below cost.

The director of Zimbabwe's Commercial Farmers Union, David Hasluck, says: "The French, in particular, hold the view that as long as there is a food deficiency in Africa, the dumping of European food surpluses can be justified on humanitarian grounds", he says.

Botswana is one of 63 countries which get special EEC help — Brussels guarantees to buy 18,916 tonnes of Botswana beef a year. Botswana's problem is overgenerosity: cattle farmers have increased their grazing land to such an extent that it is encroaching on areas frequented by wild animals.

The country's entire ecology is threatened if EEC "help" continues at its present level, although Botswana's cattle farmers suspect that the EEC is now using the ecology argument to try to restrict beef imports because of the urgent need to reduce the size of the beef "mountain".

Morocco regards itself as the African country most affected by the CAP now that Spain and Portugal have joined the Common Market. Aside from phosphates, agricultural exports are Morocco's chief revenue earner and more than half of these are absorbed by the EEC.

Tied up and let down

Topioca is a name to invoke terrible memories of school dinners. But it also serves as an object lesson on the consequences of exposing a primitive agricultural people to the sophisticated pressures of the global food game.

Twenty years ago Europe re-discovered topioca. German and Dutch pig and cattle farmers found that, made into pellets and mixed with soya and oil, topioca — or cassava — became a cheap animal feedstuff. And north-east Thailand, where rice also would grow, was the place to get it.

Dr Eadyson Wilkinson, the EEC's Chief of Affairs for south-east Asia, recalls what happened: "You could see 10,000 trucks tearing up the roads, day and night; like ants, they were loaded down going one way, like ants, they were scuttling for another load once they were empty. At Bangkok's main port dozens, hundreds, of people were drowned in the mad scramble to manhandle loads from lighters to ships bound for Europe. I recall one huge shed with about 300 clerks, heads down all scribbling export orders, watched over by a manager up on a dais."

The benefits to Thailand from topioca were huge — an income of around \$900 million (compared with \$1.4 billion for the traditional crop, rice). More important, this income was directed at the poorest region of the country, an area most sensitive to infiltration from its communist neighbours.

It was good for everyone — except the French. For every tonne of cassava that landed at Rotterdam for EEC consumption, one more tonne of French barley went unsold. Their market was devastated. In 1982, with a little help

Money: flood and drought

India is home to perhaps the best known offshoot of the CAP, Operation Flood, which uses part of the huge surplus of milk products that the CAP generates in Europe.

In the 15 years or so that it has been supported by the EEC, Operation Flood has received more than \$500m of skimmed milk powder and butter oil. The aim has been to increase the supply of milk and to raise its price. Thus the standard of nutrition of the population is raised while the incomes of the rural poor are increased.

Supporters say Operation Flood has been so successful that other Third World countries want to develop similar schemes. But critics, who are numerous, maintain that the system simply gets rid of Europe's surpluses.



Root of the trouble: farmer Noi Petzi, a distant victim of Brussels

from the Italians and a lot of arm-twisting of other partners, the French managed to persuade the EEC to impose quotas, limiting Thai exports to an average five million tonnes per year (from a peak of nearly nine million).

Professor Amma Sinarwala, executive director of the Thai Agricultural and Rural Development programme, is the nation's chief opponent of the quota. "Yes, there were people in Bangkok," said Prof Amma, who would insist that 10 million Thais face starvation;

Money: flood and drought

Mick Charles explains why he and Australia's other 60,000 wheat growers are in serious financial difficulties in 1986. He earned \$59 (about £26.50) a tonne; this season, 36 years on, he earned \$57 a tonne; next harvest his profit is likely to be \$567.

Caught between falling prices (due to the CAP and US subsidies) and high interest rates, many growers face bankruptcy. Paradoxically, more would have gone broke already were the situation not so serious. "It's the old story," Charles says. "If you owe the bank \$1,000, you've got a problem. If you owe \$100,000, the bank's got a problem."

Australia fought back at the September GATT meeting, emerging as a forceful and effective spokesman for the small non-subsidized farm exporters.

that Thai farmers sell their children to stave off debt. "Most of Bangkok's slums are filled with people from the north east, that has always been so. Certainly many children from those areas do end up in brothels. But this debate cannot be conducted on that moral plane. The moral element in this argument is why should Brussels belly a small nation like ours when they are afraid to tackle the super-powers on their contribution to the cereal surplus; why Thailand's topioca, and not America's citrus pulp?"

Noi Petzi is a 55-year-old farmer in Srasam Chaihet, 100 miles from Bangkok. "We were very poor 20 years ago. Then topioca brought good years. For the first time there was money for food and a little more. We made our houses stronger. Clothes from the village for my children. All seven could go to school. Books. Two bicycles to take them. We don't have TV, but we have radio, and it was the radio that told us topioca had become a bad crop. Now we are getting only 6.9 baht (2.4 p) per kilo; once it was 4.5 baht. I don't know where Brussels is exactly. I don't understand why they tell me to grow mango or avocados. Such things take years to give good crop. Meanwhile how do we eat?"

Professor Amma said he was hopeful in at least one respect: "So far we have been able to keep government out of decisions. We have to deal with that invidious state of mind known as Brusselsitis, but only at one end."

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In January last year, Bill Whittingham and his wife Eileen arrived at the tiny French village of Sinoerre to resume a life in farming that had begun 1,000 miles away in the bleak hills of Yorkshire's West Riding. Their new home was a decrepit farmhouse, but they did it up and that autumn, Whittingham, aged 50, sowed the first cereal crops on his 70 acres.

France is the most important agricultural producer in the EEC, and one of the main beneficiaries of farm subsidies. Individual farmers, nevertheless, do not always feel they have fared so well, and many are now facing serious difficulties.

But Whittingham was convinced that no other government in the EEC looks after its farmers like the French. After working 100 dairy acres in Yorkshire 16 hours a day, seven days a week for 17 years, he spent almost a decade with the NFU seeing both sides of the industry. "Anyone could see that farming in Britain was getting harder every year," he says.

In France he found quality agricultural land at half the



Found in France: Bill Whittingham, happy on richer soil

price, and a range of inducements, from start-up grants of up to £20,000 to subsidized credit for buying land, housing and machinery.

The greatest advantage, though, is the comprehensive back-up French farmers receive from the co-operatives to which the vast majority belong. From marketing crops and providing technical services and advice the co-operatives work to improve their members' lot.

Losers on the zigzag

West German farmers regard themselves, with some justification, as the losers in the Community.

West Germany's farms, mostly small family operations, have almost halved from 1,385,300 in 1960 to 720,800 in 1985, but farmers' incomes are still at 1974 levels, averaging £8,500 a year. "German farmers have no clear perspective of the way ahead because of Brussels' zig-zag course on agricultural policies," says Dr Walter Florian, State Agriculture Secretary.

The list goes on

Outside the big league, many other products get CAP support, including:

- Barley, rye and maize: A "target" price is fixed, and imports are subject to a variable levy representing the target price and the generally much lower world price.
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Intervention price is deliberately set too low because of the ease with which producers can increase output. Levy is applied to any supplies imported below an agreed "substitute" price, and financial aid is available to take meat off the market.
Eggs and poultrymeat: Imports from outside the Community are subject to price controls. No internal market support.
Sugar: A complicated quota system is applied to control beet production and to ensure a market for Third World cane producers. But farmers still overproduce.
Oils and oilseeds: No levies on imports of vegetable oils, but large subsidies to processors to persuade them to use local oilseed rape, sunflowers and soya.
Olive oil: imports subject to levies, and EEC growers receive subsidies.
Fruit and vegetables: Imports subject to duties if prices fall below agreed level.
Hops: Grants are available for the establishment of producer organizations and to encourage growers to switch to higher quality varieties.

Zinging Sixties

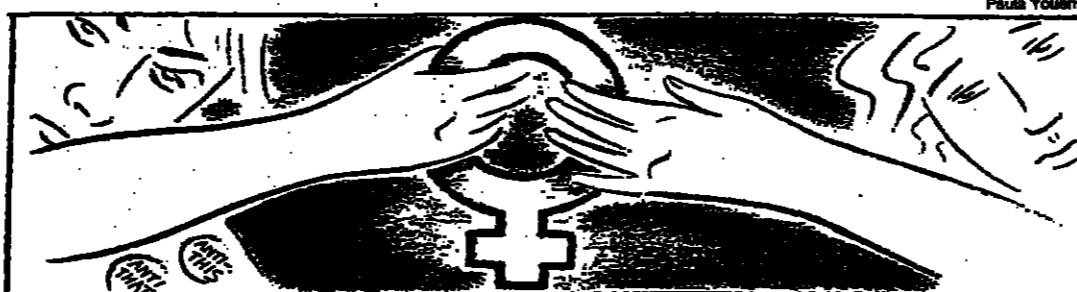
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

'Feminism has been hijacked, but it is not lost; common sense is a great influence and mainstream women are ready to reclaim the movement'

About a month ago a friend sent me a copy of Private Eye's anthology "Woman", its collection of essays...

Like a lot of women of my age (mid-40s) and class (middle-class) I have an ambivalent relationship with feminism.



and men and women are supposed to share responsibilities and the marketplace is supposed to treat us all equally.

Without these technological changes feminism could never have come into being.

feminism. It started in the 1970s when the ambitions of the women's movement were translated into such pieces of legislation as the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts.

babies while their job was conveniently held. I can't blame women for having such ambitions, but no matter how much I sympathize with people's private goals, I have never thought they should be legislated.

is the anti-heterosexual world of the Inner-London Educational Authority, with its banning of books like Tom Sawyer and its promotion of such books as Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin.

BRIEFLY

Presents of mind

Both salts and crystallised ginger may make perfectly pleasant presents - but inevitably more useful Christmas gifts for the elderly and disabled can be found in the Products For Home Health Care catalogue.

Quote me...

"Christmas is like pregnancy... you forget what it was like last time." - Jilly Cooper, author.

Play it safe

The launch of Esther Rantzen's Childline highlighted the plight of parents and teachers in making children understand the importance of saying 'no' to strangers.

Russian rose

Even the imagination of Barbara Cartland would be hard-pressed to conjure a tale as romantic as Eugenie Fraser's fascinating chronicle of her Russian grandeur.

St. Joseph's Hospice

MARY ST. LONDONER ASA (Charity Reg. No. 231523) The final days with you were among the happiest of her life.

Tracing the path to long lost parents

Ariel Bruce is unusual, even unique: she is a professional searcher and tracer, tracking down the parents of children who have been adopted or taken into care.

The appliance of social science is being used to reunite parents with children - David Leitch finds it's big business

around the house and then, out of the blue, he said he was adopted. Would I help with the records so he could find his mum?

largely by word of mouth, though in time she advertised in a newspaper. From the start she found the research enthralling.



Perfection in detection: super sleuth Ariel Bruce reveals in her role as a matchmaker who binds together fragmented families the discovered parent wishes, for good reasons or not, to leave the past buried?

'Cruel rejections can be terribly hurtful and sad'

The idea of a child coming back to reap vengeance on a parent who has deserted them is well-known.

All the fury of the fayre

Roll Up. Roll Up. Ye Olde Christmas Fayre is upon us. The Big Bang, Bob Geldof and the Standing Order to Oxford have not made a jot of difference to this, the biggest time of the year for buying and selling second-hand goods.



The season of sweet charity looms and shoddy second-hand goods are a-plenty

holding a Christmas fayre in your home, do consider the cost of wear and tear in advance. If you're going to make £200 in an event which wrecks the hall and stair carpet, ruins the paintwork and leaves you exhausted and not speaking to your husband all the following week, maybe you would be better cancelling the invasion.

money down a piece of clean plastic drain pipe, the evening's total and, if correct, win back half of the money raised.

TALKBACK

From Ellen Eisenstein, Richmond, Surrey. Regarding Barbara Amiel's article on the question of a man's right to decide if his unborn child is to be aborted or not.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1116

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

AUTUMN PROMOTION NOW ON. ENDS DECEMBER 15TH.

Advertisement for Multiyork upholstery services, featuring a picture of a sofa and text about traditional upholstery.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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Courtauld Institute Galleries

The Samuel Courtauld collection of Impressionist and post-impressionist paintings is being toured to five major museums in the United States from January 14, 1987 to April 3, 1988.

Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund

There will be a concert on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 pm in Westminster Abbey, to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of Richard Dimbleby's death.

Luncheons

City University, The Chancellor of the City University, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir David Owen-Hughes was guest of honour at a luncheon in the university on Tuesday, November 25.

Reception

British-Australian Bicentennial Committee. The Duke of Kent, President of the British-Australian Bicentennial Committee, and Sir Peter Galsden, chairman, were present at a reception held at the Mansion House last night.

Bakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Bakers' Company for the ensuing year.

Service dinner

London University Air Squadron Wing Commander B.C. Hunt, Commanding Officer of London University Air Squadron, presided at the annual service dinner held last night at the squadron headquarters.

Dinners

Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Rutledge gave a dinner last night at Lambeth Palace in honour of Dr Emilio Castro, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Somerville College Appeal

The Prime Minister, Baroness White and Mrs Shirley Williams were the speakers at a dinner held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall in support of the Somerville College Appeal and to mark Industry Year.

Anglo-German Association

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Lord Lutz G. Stavenhagen, Minister of State at the Auswärtiges Amt, Bonn, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Anglo-German Association held last night at the Café Royal.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

WILKINS - On November 22nd 1986, Sir Robert Wilkins, a distinguished architect and a member of the Royal Academy, died peacefully at his home, 15, St. George's Road, London, on 22nd November 1986 at the age of 77.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dr H. Exell, Director of the H. Exell Funeral Service, 11, St. George's Road, London, offers funeral services for all denominations.

BRITISH MARRIAGES

Announcements, authenticated by the name and permanent address of the sender, may be sent to: THE TIMES, PO BOX 484, Virginia Street, London E1 9XS.

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Sinking inquiry a step nearer

By Richard Evans and Michael McCarthy

The long-demanded inquiry into the loss with all hands of the bulk freighter Derbyshire six years ago became a possibility last night as efforts continued to salvage her sister ship Kowloon Bridge, aground and breaking up off the Irish coast.

The junior Transport Minister, Mr Michael Spicer, said that inspectors investigating the wreck of the Kowloon Bridge would consider "any link with the loss of the Derbyshire" which might be cause for appointing a formal investigation.

A Dutch salvage tug tried without success yesterday to shift the 159,000-ton Hong Kong-registered ore carrier. The Government came under intense all-party pressure in the Commons last night to hold an inquiry into the Derbyshire sinking, with Labour and Conservative MPs highlighting the similarities between the two incidents, and that of another sister ship, the Tyne Bridge, which suffered severe structural damage in the North Sea in 1982.

The Derbyshire disappeared without trace and with the loss of all 44 people on board in a storm off Japan in 1980. She was one of a series of six identical oil, bulk and ore carriers built by Swan Hunter's Haverton Hill shipyard on Teeside (since closed) between 1971 and 1976. No explanation has ever been given for her disappearance, but when the Tyne Bridge was damaged in 1982, the other four ships in the series, including the Kowloon Bridge, were found to have cracks and weaknesses at bulkhead 65 and longitudinal girders misaligned after the bulkhead. They were repaired.

The other ships in the series are the Ocean Sovereign (formerly the Furness Bridge), the Kona (formerly the Sir John Hunter), the Sir Alexander Glen and the East Bridge (formerly the Tyne Bridge).

India greets 'crusader for peace'

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, arrived in the capital of his closest non-communist ally, India, yesterday to a welcome which was warmer than any within recent memory. He came to sign a new trade agreement and to talk about weapons supply, and in return received whole-hearted backing for his stand at Reykjavik.

Several hundred thousand people - one estimate put it as high as half a million - lined the streets of Delhi to watch his 100-car motorcade pass on its way from the airport to the presidential palace where he is staying. They had been driven in by bus and trolley from the country villages of the nearby states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan, and the majority knew only that they had come to see "a great leader".

The entire school population of Delhi had been given the day off, and the great procession routes around the palace were lined with young people wearing their peacock-bright uniforms.

In fact they did not see much of him as the darkly glazed windows of his specially-imported bullet-proof Russian limousine were kept firmly closed.

Arches of marigolds and jasmine spanned the road decked with banners declaring that Indo-Soviet friendship would last for ever. Two marigold-covered model elephants greeted the Russian leader outside the airport, and a presidential guard of honour trumpeted his arrival at the palace.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, in his welcome speech described the Soviet Union as "a tried and trusted friend in our hours of need," and hailed Mr Gorbachev personally as "a crusader for peace."

Later at a banquet held in the Lutya-designed former palace of the Nizam of Hyderabad, Mr Gandhi made no bones about where he stood on Reykjavik. "It was unfortunate," he said, "that the Strategic Defence Initiative blocked agreement."

Mr Gandhi added: "We resolutely oppose the militarisation of outer space. It does not matter that SDI is described as defensive. Security is not enhanced but dangerously jeopardized by creating yet another deadly and extremely sophisticated weapon. The logic of a shield in space is deeply flawed."

Speaking after he and Mr Gorbachev had spent more than three hours in a tete-a-tete that one aide described as



Indian children welcoming Mr and Mrs Gorbachev in New Delhi yesterday.

"a fairly long and marathon session" he also referred to Mr Gorbachev's initiative towards an Asian and Pacific security pact, but without granting it any more than a general welcome calling his Vladivostok speech "thought-provoking" but emphasizing "Greater exchange of ideas at all levels is needed to work out a basis for cooperation."

Mr Gorbachev for his part declared that "Soviet-Indian relations and contacts are in need of still greater dynamism," but stressed that their relations "do not seek to counter or challenge genuine and legitimate interests of other countries."

In his banquet speech he recognized that Mr Gandhi's praise for Soviet initiatives was appreciated, adding: "We know that this is more than just an expression of courtesy. The Soviet leader referred to development co-operation between the two countries declaring: 'Today we have continued this work and agreed on important things.' While the two leaders were meeting privately, their aides met in the Indian Cabinet room to agree a joint statement, an agreement on economic and technical co-operation, a proposal to bring a Soviet cultural festival to

India in return for a festival of India in Moscow, and a new consular agreement.

Meanwhile, Mrs Raisa Gorbachev was taken to see some Indian art and culture at the Modern Art Museum - where she admired the work of the Indian woman artist Amrita Sherghil, and the drawing of the Bengali polymath Rabindranath Tagore.

At the National Museum she was shown earlier examples of India's cultural heritage, as surrounded by eager photographers, she deeply embarrassed her Indian guide by asking questions about the sexual imagery of Indian religious artefacts.

Chelsea bomb link to Action Directe

Continued from page 1

linked attacks at strategic points around the barracks including the main gate and residential areas.

As it was the unit seems to have panicked. All three bombs were dumped together in two bags near the sergeants' mess and accommodation for WRACs. Before the devices could explode the bags hidden in leaves were spotted by passers by.

Yesterday Mr Justice Jones ordered that the two men, Mr Charles Botting and Mr Harold Cooper, should each receive £250 for carrying out their duty and saving lives.

In one bag police found a birth certificate, students' cards and a letter with an address. Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch watched the address, a flat on a large council estate near Kilburn, and found that the family there had innocently agreed to put up a number of people sometime just before the bombs were planted.

Finger print experts examining a plastic bag in which the bombs had been put had already discovered prints which led them to McLaughlin. He was at home in London-donkey unaware of his blunder when the RUC arrived to arrest him. As officers rushed in he hid behind a wardrobe. Questioned by police his four-year old son loyally said he had no idea where his father was, but McLaughlin's youngest son, little more than a year old, pointed to the wardrobe.

There were more blunders to follow. In the area around the address used by the unit, Talbot Walk on the Church End estate, neighbours reported seeing a white Ford camper whose presence tallied with the planting of the bombs and the presence of the INVA unit. Police began scouring North London and found the abandoned vehicle.

Forensic scientists found traces of explosives but there was also incriminating evidence against McLaughlin. Police found a puzzle magazine which he had used to write away the time. McLaughlin had left his name and address written on the magazine which also carried his finger prints.

Letter from Peking Testing the black waters of China

Shanghai citizens hold their breath when crossing bridges over the stinking black waters of the Suzhou River, a noxious example of China's acute river pollution problems.

Pinned by some environmental experts as the filthiest stretch of flowing water in the world, the minor tributary is a dump for one million cubic metres of industrial waste a day.

In the same week that a chemical plant disaster contaminated the Rhine from Switzerland to the North Sea, China said it would step up the fight against water pollution.

Industrial growth left unchecked

The country is belatedly tackling the damage inflicted by decades of unmonitored industrial growth, plus new hazards from the thousands of small factories that have sprung up as a result of economic reforms in the 1980s.

The Suzhou River's giant neighbour, the Yangtze, will become "totally polluted" by the year 2000 unless steps are taken to control the 16 million tonnes of liquid waste which pour into it daily, according to the official Chinese press.

Government statistics show that around 13 per cent of the length of the main streams of the country's main rivers are affected. The problem is often worse in minor rivers.

In north-east China, where much of the country's heavy industry is based, the Government has claimed success in curbing the discharge of mercury and other pollutants into the main Songhua River.

But the cost of making the Songhua clean enough for fish was equivalent to some \$55 million (£38.5 million) and scores of factories had to be closed or relocated to meet the goal.

The fast-flowing Yellow River, China's second largest, suffers less from industrial pollution than from the highest levels of silt in the world. The results of centuries of deforestation and soil erosion in its upper reaches were worsened by the orders of the former Chinese leader, Mao Tse-tung, to clear uncultivated land for grain production.

The river sweeps away 1.6 billion tonnes of soil a year, and its regular floods have

cannot in the title of "China's Snow". Despite localized successes claimed for tree-planting and other schemes to halt the destructive process, China has the world's biggest erosion problem, with soil loss "out of control" across 360,000 square miles, the *People's Daily* said recently.

The country's state forests, 70 per cent of all China's woodland, will disappear by the end of the century unless felling is slowed, the press reported this month.

The State Environmental Protection Bureau says the quality of water in the Yangtze, Yellow, Songhua and Pearl rivers has actually improved since 1981, and that 22 per cent of industrial waste water is now treated, compared with only 15 per cent five years ago.

But the Government admits the main big pollution threat now is not from heavy industry but the myriad small enterprises it has encouraged to develop in the countryside. Only loosely controlled by the state, and often using outdated technology, they have in some cases wrought environmental havoc.

Nor do central state-run bodies seem inclined to put environmental considerations before bureaucratic convenience and profits. Communist China has no independent watchdog groups.

Despite a national water pollution prevention law introduced in 1984, villagers in the south-eastern province of Fujian had to write to China's Parliament to stop a local factory, run by the Army, from polluting water supplies.

Radioactive waste dumped in well

The pollution killed crops and caused "hideous diseases", the New China news agency reported, without giving details.

In another case publicized this year, 25 tonnes of radioactive waste from a laboratory was dumped in a village well, and threatened to contaminate reservoirs near Peking.

An investigation led to the dismissal of the deputy director of the Environmental Protection Bureau, who had let his brother do the dumping.

Andy Roche of Reuters

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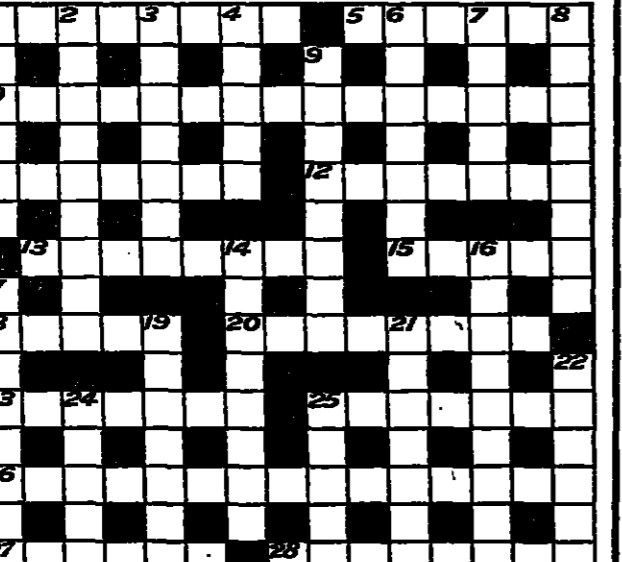
Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give an evening reception for members of the Diplomatic Corps, Buckingham Palace, 9.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends a reception in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled, St James's Palace, 6.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,213



ACROSS: 1 As pretty, perhaps, as a picture (8); 2 Carpenter who produced mechanical work (6); 3 Obstruction in the red channel could result in suicide (7,8); 4 Constant's money guaranteed for holiday (7); 5 God help us, we cry (7); 6 Mercy seat (8); 7 After end of surgery, organ acquires new ache (5); 8 It tells the time for waiters (5); 9 Secluded setting for the Spanish soliloquy by Browning (8); 10 How to lose a point at Wimbledon - and game (7); 11 Fastry, extremely short and coarse, got left (7); 12 Sengen, say, taking mail round the troops is out of his mind (3,6,5); 13 Pass several times round the course between the same points (6); 14 A small dish of blood? (8).

DOWN: 1 Perhaps neck with this affectionate lover? (6); 2 Girl getting up in a sulk - not much hope for her! (9); 3 Crystal cup lies shattered (7).

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends a reception in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled, St James's Palace, 6.30. The Duke of Kent opens the new Crown Court Centre, Guildford, 11.30; and later, as Chancellor, visits Surrey University, 1.15.

New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: A History of Sicily, by M.I. Finley, D. Mack Smith, C.J.H. Duggan (Choucri & Windus, £14.95). After The Second Flood, Essays in Modern German Literature, by Michael Hamburger (Carcanet, £18.95).

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, etc.

Roads

The Midlands M1: Lane closures near junction 28 (A38 Mansfield), M5: Contraflow cleared from junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich), M54: Lane restrictions between junctions 2 and 7.

Anniversaries

Births: William Cowper, poet, Great Beckingham, 1731; George Forster, explorer, Nassenhau, Poland, 1754; John Alexander Newlands, chemist, London, 1837; Sir Anson Smead, archaeologist, Budapest, 1862.

Best wines

In a blind tasting in which 27 wine retailers submitted wines to accompany a traditional Christmas dinner, the following were the top selections when the short-listed wines were tried with the food:

WEATHER A westerly airstream will cover the British Isles but fronts will approach NW areas.

except the N, will have sunny or clear intervals and scattered showers. N Wales, N England, Northern Ireland and Scotland will have some sunny intervals and showers. The showers will be heavy at times particularly in the W. More persistent rain may reach W Scotland and Northern Ireland later. Winds will be mainly moderate or fresh W. Temperatures near normal. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mainly dry in the SE, occasional rain and drizzle in the N and W. Mild and windy in the N. Near normal temperatures in the S.

Table showing High Tides and Around Britain weather forecasts for various regions like Scarborough, Liverpool, etc.



Table showing London weather forecasts for AM and PM, including temperature and wind speed.

Table showing Yesterday's weather and a forecast for Tomorrow, including temperature and wind speed.

ABROAD

Table showing weather forecasts for various international locations including Accra, Algiers, Amsterdam, Athens, etc.

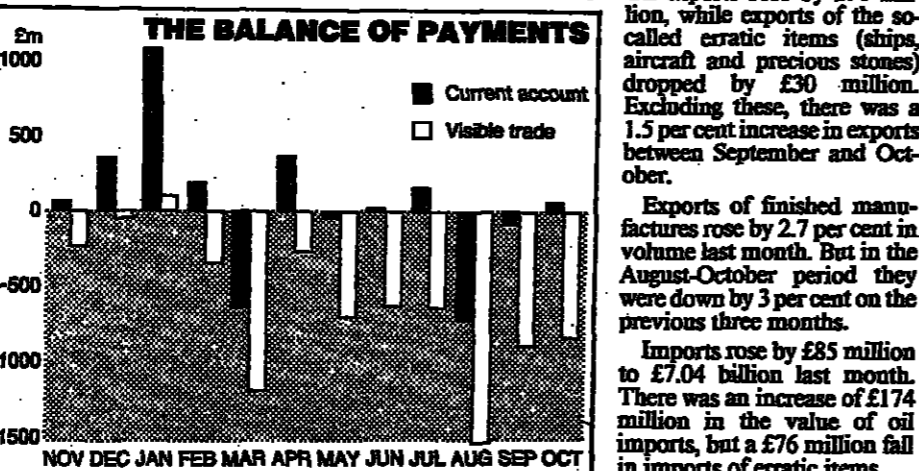
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Invisibles change reverses deficit

Britain back in the black

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent Britain had a trade deficit of £835 million last month, as imports rose to their highest level since March last year. But the current account was in surplus by £65 million because of a big upward revision of the estimated monthly surplus on invisible trade.



Bank sets underwriting ceiling

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent The Bank of England has imposed its first-ever limit on banks' total underwriting exposure to coincide with the enormous British Gas share flotation. The underwriting process for the £5.6 billion share issue was completed last Friday.

Thousands rush for Gas forms

N M Rothschild, the merchant bank adviser to the Government on the British Gas share sale, said "tens of thousands" of completed forms were received yesterday and 30,000 more prospects given out at its London headquarters in Bristol.

BTR attacks Pilkington

Industrial conglomerate BTR last night accused the management of Britain's biggest glass manufacturer, Pilkington, of "ten years of sub-standard performance and inconsistent results."

Profits up

Powell Duffryn, the fuel distribution, shipping, engineering and construction materials group, yesterday reported a 27 per cent increase in pretax profits to £10.04 million for the half year to the end of September 1986.

EMAP ahead

EMAP, the newspaper, magazine and exhibition group, said it does not intend to launch a hostile bid for Home Counties Newspapers.

Allied up 21%

Impressive figures at Allied-Lyons yesterday fulfilled City expectations. The brewing division's buoyant results and lower financing charges allowed pretax profits to jump 21 per cent to £148 million for the half year to September 13.

Table with 2 columns: Co Name, Share Price



Mr Bruce Matthews to retire

Mr Bruce Matthews, who has been a director of News International plc since 1972, and managing director since 1983, will retire at the end of this year, the company announced last night.

IC Gas board hits out at 'inadequate' £750m bid

The board of IC Gas, the group best known for its calor gas interests, yesterday accused the Barclay brothers of trying to buy the company on the cheap. David and Frederick, the Barclay twins, have offered £750 million through their much smaller US-based energy group Gulf Resources.

Reed joins satellite TV consortium

By Our City Staff Reed International, the paper and publishing group, is joining the Direct Broadcasting Limited consortium, one of the leading applicants for the satellite broadcasting franchise soon to be awarded by the Government.

CBI hails 'significant' drop

Pay deals down to 5 1/2%

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor The Confederation of British Industry yesterday reported a drop in pay settlements to the lowest level for three years.

UK managers closing the gap

Although British managers still lag behind in the European pay league, the gap is slowly closing, according to Hay Management Consultants' latest annual survey of European remuneration.

Barclays' shares fall after S African pullout

There was continuing speculation in the City yesterday about whether other British companies would follow the example of Barclays Bank in withdrawing from any domestic commitment to South Africa.

Table titled 'SOUTH AFRICAN STAKES' with columns for Company Name, % of pre-tax profits earned from South Africa.

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High street key to Alphameric

By Cliff Feltham

Alphameric, the electronic keyboards company which has benefited from business generated by Big Bang, believes there is a growing demand for its equipment in the high street.

It is taking orders for installing terminals in building societies, motor car showrooms and travel agents.

Mr Dougal Craig-Wood, the chairman, who yesterday reported a sharp jump in Alphameric's half-time profits, said: "Retailers of all kinds, from financial services to food and white goods, can see the benefit of being able to use our equipment to accurately monitor stock control and at the same time provide on-the-spot information for customers."

Among the company's clients are the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, which is using the equipment to provide marketing information, and Nabisco, the food group, which is providing its salesmen with terminals to use at home.

Other customers include the Stock Exchange, with more than 5,000 Topic systems installed. Alphameric has also won large orders for the City's big dealing rooms.

At the half-way stage of the year, pretax profits were up from £512,000 to £1.7 million, on turnover of £9.8 million, against £5 million.

Readicut acquires Drake for £11m

By John Bell, City Editor

Readicut International, the fast-growing textiles to carpets group, is moving deeper into fibre manufacture with the £11.25 million purchase of Drake.

The proposed acquisition will complement Readicut's fibres producer, Plasticisers, and it will not lead to any dilution of Readicut's earnings per share, the company says.

The acquisition is to be financed by the issue of 27.4 million Readicut shares - 21 per cent of the group's enlarged capital. Drake is a 65 per cent owned subsidiary of F Drake and Co, which is owned by the Haigh family.

The balance is held by Drake directors and the estate of a former director, Mr J

Hoyle, who owned 10 per cent. Readicut is paying £1.25 million cash for the Hoyle holding.

Drake made profits of £2.33 million on sales of £14.48 million in the year to August 31. Net assets were £3.28 million, including £1.3 million in cash.

Almost 21 million of the new Readicut shares have been conditionally placed with institutional investors at 40p a share by Schroder, the merchant bank. Existing Readicut holders will have the right to purchase new shares at 40p up to a limit of 10 new shares for every 49 held.

The acquisition is subject to shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general meeting on December 12.

Foreign investment in UK remains buoyant

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Foreign investment in Britain has remained buoyant so far this year but the average size of projects has fallen.

The Invest in Britain Bureau said yesterday that in the first nine months of this year there were 225 investment decisions by overseas companies, an 11 per cent increase. These projects will create 10,620 new jobs and safeguard 7047.

The US remained the biggest investor and accounted for 131 of the projects.

Until three months ago, 1986 did not look as if it would be a very good year for inward investment, but a number of decisions over the summer months should mean this is the fourth successive year of record investment. Last year the IBB recorded 305 projects valued at about £3 billion.

Trump card in the Burton suit

Sir Ralph Halpern, foremost of a nation of shopkeepers, has turned round the Burton Group and become the first British executive to be paid more than £1 million a year



Working out, pumping iron, running and an unqualified sense of purpose in life give Sir Ralph Halpern a springy, faintly vulpine air. He looks his age - 49 - but in a way that suggests he will never look any older. He collects Rolex watches and wears a mighty gold signet ring and cufflinks flamboyantly engraved with his initials. He wants to transform the destiny of postwar Britain. Last week, he announced that Burton Group made almost £150 million pretax profit in the year to August 31, results that took his pay package over £1 million, making him Britain's highest-paid director.

Halpern is the most startling of the new breed of high street shopkeepers: starting because he has spent almost his entire career working his way up through the management structure of a single company, emerging as its boss just in time to stop the whole operation going bust. Burton, with its attached snooker halls and cheap suits for the working man, had nowhere to go in the Sixties and Seventies.

Montague Burton's combination of hundreds of outlets selling the products of the biggest menswear manufacturing operation in the world made some sense until the early 1960s. Austerity had made people grateful to be able to buy respectable clothes at a reasonable price. But with the advent of greater prosperity, style took over from value for money. Marketing became the key skill and vast manufacturing plants crippled the company's ability to react to market changes.

By 1978, when Halpern moved into the head office, Burton had failed to find a solution. In 1977 losses had reached £13 million and only major surgery offered hope. The one bright spot was Top Shop, the old dinosaur's noble bid for the youth market. And Top Shop belonged to Halpern.

Born to an Austrian family, he is the son of a successful entrepreneur in pre-war Vienna. The family came to England as prospects for Jews in a Nazi Austria deteriorated, and

Ralph was born in 1938. He left school at 18 to join the Lewis's store group, becoming a trainee at Selfridge's.

"I got very involved with the shop and the whole social scene. But I realized pretty quickly that it would take years for me to make any kind of impact in a company that size."

He looked for a smaller company with "clearer perspectives" but made a rare and spectacular mistake. He joined the Peter Robinson shop without realizing it was owned by Burton. That was exactly 25 years ago.

Top Shop had begun as an addition inside Peter Robinson shops and was reasonably successful. Halpern identified it as the only genuinely market-led part of the operation.

He turned Top Shop into a separate high street store, beginning in Croydon in 1970, where one woman picked up the first year through the rubble to buy a dress. The shop was not actually open, but Halpern took his own pocket. One of her pound notes is now framed in his office. The new Top Shop made a million in its first year.

centred on the principle that earnings per share must increase steadily. Gaps in this progress are identified and plugged by defining market sectors where the group is either absent or under-represented.

First, Halpern said the group's speciality was retailing, not manufacturing. Then he created sectors - young, slightly older, sportswear and so on. Within these, he tightly identified the roles of buyers. They were made to justify their choice, not for the ties or the socks in the whole Burton Group but solely for those in Top Man or new shops like Principles, which is targeted as a higher age group. Computer systems monitored the performance of every line, restocking shops weekly and adjusting the levels of each line the moment patterns of demand changed.

Halpern was de-risking for all he was worth, conscious that he was vulnerable at every level to the riskiest area of all - that of popular taste. But he constantly pursued caution, anticipating every disaster.

That way all the risk was concentrated in the initial decision - in taking on Top Shop, then Burtons, then acquiring Dorothy Perkins, creating Top Man, Principles and, last year, most spectacularly of all, taking over Debenhams for £560 million in a classic battle.

"I was as petrified as I was in 1978. I was in exactly the same situation as I was then. My career was at risk and so was the wealth of all our shareholders. But you can't be 100 per cent cautious 100 per cent of the time - that way you go down the drain."

Debenhams took the group's sales area from 2.5 million square feet to 7.5 million. The tactics of the takeover revealed Halpern as somewhat over-aggressive in City terms. But, just over a year down the line, with the help of some disposals and an ingenious property refinancing deal, it looks as though the de-risking procedure has worked.

about. The head offices are flawlessly restored and random playfulness is hard to find - even the toy boat on Halpern's mantelpiece has a rigorous logic. It was presented to him by staff during the Debenhams battle on the basis that all the other bidders seemed to have yachts so they felt he should too.

Similarly he guards the privacy of his personal life. He has a house near the office and another in Surrey, a wife, Joan, who is a JP and an 18-year-old daughter, Jenny, but that is about as far as he will go.

If he was American, he says, he would not feel the need to explain himself. But here suspicion of wealth and capitalism is so entrenched he feels obliged to adopt a public role to proselytize on behalf of entrepreneurs and wealth creation. He has extended his belief in incentives throughout the group, including - and he makes no bones about this - to himself. With bonuses, Burton paid him £542,000 last year.

"I'm totally practical," he announces in response to a philosophical inquiry. "I believe in God and I believe in right and wrong and I believe what I am doing is right for me and right for the people who work for me." It is a homespun, uncomplicated statement from an overwhelming, narcissistic and slightly claustrophobic man; his philosophy, unadorned by self-doubt or introspection, could well have come from the lips of a Reagan or a Thatcher.

Certainly he is at one with his staff in the basement gym, where a computer calculates the relative fitness of all the employees. Halpern describes himself as the fittest man on the board; City analysts, not to mention shareholders, will doubtless reflect today that the description applies in more ways than one.

Bryan Appleyard
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COMPANY NEWS

● **UNILOCK HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend (1p) for the six months to September 27. Figures in £000. Turnover 10,753 (9,345), trading profit on ordinary activities before tax 902 (801), tax 315 (328), earnings per share 3.46p (3.01p). The move of the company's corporate head office to Haywards Heath is now complete. Sound progress has been made during this half year and the chairman anticipates another year of solid growth.

● **PROPERTY PARTNERSHIPS:** Figures in £000s for the six months to September 30. Interim 3p (2.5p). Gross rental income from investment properties was £12,460. Pretax profit was 715 (593). Tax was 250 (237). Earnings per share were 8.7p (6.7p).

● **PACER SYSTEMS:** An agreement has been signed for the acquisition of Signal Processing Systems of Massachusetts. The total deal cost £386,000. The unaudited management accounts for the year to October 3 show turnover of \$917,000 and a pre-tax loss of \$37,618.

● **PERSONAL ASSETS TRUST:** Figures for 6 months to October 31 in £000. Total income was 132 (94), revenue before tax 64 (38), tax 19 (21), earnings per share 0.30p (0.11p). Net income for the first 6 months should not be taken as an indication of the full year's results. The company values its unquoted portfolio on a conservative basis. Shares 41½p up 1p.

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● **CLUFF OIL HOLDINGS:** The company's subsidiary Cluff Mineral Exploration (Milebury) has made a second gold discovery at Bindura. The new deposit, which is to be known as Freda, lies adjacent to the previously reported Rebecca discovery and exploration indicates a resource of about 51,000oz of gold. The re-evaluation of the Rebecca discovery has increased the size of this resource, which is calculated to contain about 242,000oz. The total gold contained in both Freda and Rebecca is estimated to be 293,000oz. Recent drilling at Rebecca below 150 metres provides significant potential for underground mining.

● **LISTER:** The company is to pay an interim dividend on January 23 of 0.5p (nil) for the half year to September 27. With figures in £000: turnover 23,716 (20,062), profit before tax 1,254 (607), tax 249 (65), minorities 2 (2), extraordinary credit 398 (nil), earnings per share 6.03p (2.23p). The board reports good progress in all divisions and indications for the next six months are encouraging and point to a healthy profit for the full year.

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New life for gold shares in Sydney

A new vehicle for investing in Australian gold-mining shares is taking shape in Sydney...

The investment company, which will resemble a British investment trust, is expected to have initial paid-up capital of about A\$200 million...

The main drawback to investing "Down Under" is that many Australian gold companies have very low market capitalizations...

Of the 20 or so producers quoted on Australian stock exchanges, at least 30 have market capitalizations of less than US\$1 billion...

The total Australian gold-mining market capitalization of about US\$5 billion is less than the combined market worth of DeBeers and Vals Reef...

While the 40 South African mines are covered in exhaustive detail by their own quarterly reports and scrutiny by the mining Press and analysts, foreign fund managers find it difficult to keep track of what the ever-increasing number of tiny Australian producers are doing...

The new company's backers hope that foreign investors will feel more comfortable buying into Australian mines knowing that a local firm is scrutinizing the investments...

Local brokers report that foreign interest has grown this year, due to the rising bullion price, greater awareness of Australia as a leading gold producer and, particularly in the US, ongoing success over investing in South Africa.

Sydney stockbrokers point out that in spite of a continuing fall in Australian gold share prices since May, local mines still present good value.

"The price-earnings ratios are much lower than Canadian producers and about the same as South African mines without the obvious problems," one senior analyst said.

Local investors were drawn to the mines as the Australian dollar plunged to about US\$66, producing a gold price in local terms of almost A\$650 an ounce, the highest for six years, while overseas interest has been boosted by the relative stability of the Australian dollar since the monetary bid in August.

The housing spectre of a damaging gold-mining tax, the subject of an official inquiry, has also diminished.

The rising Australian dollar and better refining techniques have also caused a continuing increase in the country's gold output, with some producers re-treating mine dumps that have been left untouched since the 1950s.

Richard Lander

Table with columns for RECENT ISSUES and RIGHTS ISSUES, listing various stocks and their prices.

Standard Chartered shares leap 27p in heavy buying

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Shares of Standard Chartered, the international banking group, stood out from the crowd yesterday on suggestions that another stake-building exercise was under way.

More than £40 million was added to the group's stock market value as the shares surged 27p to 833p.

The wealthy Malaysian businessman, Tan Sri Khoo Teck Huat, one of three white knights who helped rescue Standard from the clutches of Lloyds Bank earlier this year, is reckoned to have been trying to add to his holding.

On Monday Tan Sri Khoo announced that he had raised his stake in Standard to 9.77 million shares, or 6.2 per cent. Last week he agreed to swap his near 30 per cent stake in Exco International, the money broker, for shares in Mr John Gorman's British & Commonwealth Shipping after it made an agreed bid.

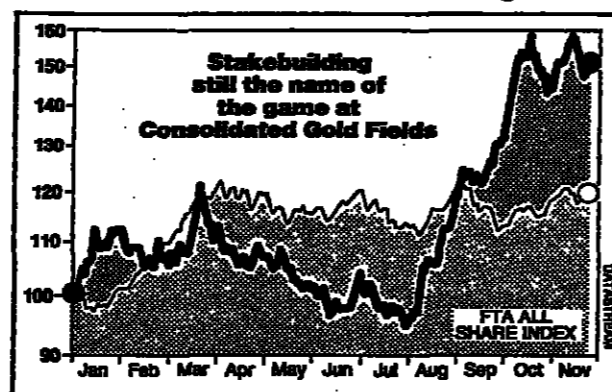
WSPH Holdings, the specialist travel operator, is still winning friends in the City. Last week it announced pretax profits of £3.1 million for the 17 months to August, and it looks capable of even better profits in the current year.

But in the Far East Tan Sri Khoo has become embroiled in a £40 million banking case with the National Bank of Brunei. His eldest son, Khoo Ban Hock, has appeared in court, charged with conspiracy to defraud the National Bank of Brunei and with false accounting.

Dealers in London reported heavy turnover of Standard shares yesterday, with one leading broker proving to be an aggressive buyer.

The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre day. Turnover was minimal and prices were left to drift.

An early attempt at a rally on the back of the trade figures soon ran out of steam with investors firmly entrenched on the sidelines. Many were



Stakebuilding still the name of the game at Consolidated Gold Fields

too busy filing out their application forms for British Gas to worry about what was going on in the market.

The FT 30-share index finished at its lowest point of the day, 12.2 down at 1,270.4. The FT-SE 100 closed 17.2 down at 1,619.3.

Government securities spent a nervous session opening with losses ranging to 2 1/2%. They recovered after the trade figures, but began to drift at the close as the pound lost ground against the dollar on the foreign exchange market, and they ended 5 1/2% lower.

British, down 6p at 153p on oil price worries, could go better when trading resumes today. Mr David Walker, chief executive, met the London Oil Analysts' Group yesterday and made a favourable impression. He said that estimates of \$1.60 a barrel on OPEC's seven reserves is "completely unrealistic".

Kennedy Brookes, the Wheeler and Mario & Franco restaurant group, has sold its entire holding in Goldsmiths Group, the retail jeweller, and it appears to have made a reasonable profit on the deal.

About 1.1 million shares (7.5 per cent) belonging to Kennedy Brookes went through the market yesterday at 250p and were quickly snapped up by a mystery bidder.

Kennedy announced on Friday that it had bought a 6.4 per cent stake in Goldsmiths and it is believed to have paid 230p a share. Talk that Kennedy Brookes had bought the stake in Goldsmiths to ward

off a possible bid appears to have been wide of the mark. There were also suggestions that a 12.3 per cent stake in Goldsmiths held by Swinton Insurance Services had also changed hands and had been snapped up by the same mystery buyer.

Dealers are now expecting an announcement from the new owner within the next few days, and they already bracing themselves for an early full bid of 275p. That would value Goldsmiths at £41.6 million. Kennedy Brookes finished 2p lighter at 286p.

Barrick Resources, the Canadian gold mining company controlled by the Hungarian emigré, Mr Peter Munk, is believed to have acquired a 4.9 per cent stake in Consolidated Goldfields, the mining finance company.

The stake, which has been built up over the past few weeks, is being held in an unregistered form by James Capel, the broker, and it is likely to be used in a consortium break-up bid for Consogold, now capitalized at £1.3 billion, but with a break-up value of about £1.55 billion, or 78p a share. Barrick began buying the shares when they were 570p each.

Consogold shares jumped 14p yesterday to 674p, taking them near their high for the year of 701p.

A spokesman for Consogold said: "We have not been notified by Barrick of a 5 per cent holding." But he declined to discuss any lesser shareholdings that might have been revealed on the company's share register.

Some market men agree. Mr Mark Loveland, speaking for the electronics team at Rowe & Pitman, the broker, said: "It is simply a restatement of the minister's position and nothing has changed our view about the strength of the Cable and Wireless consortium."

Mr Loveland said that the shares were trading at a 6 per cent premium to the market when they should be at a 20 per cent premium - at around 360p.

"We think the stock is cheap at these levels and we have been buyers," Asda lost 4p to 150p after a visit by Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker.

Shares in London International, the Royal Worcester and Durez company, firmed 1 1/2p to 237 1/2p after a day of trading in American depository receipts on the US over-the-counter market. ADRs will make the stock more readily available to the American investment market where fever over Aids is rife.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Chancellor strikes invisible gold

The story so far: our intrepid hero, one Nigel Lawson, finds himself plunging towards the rapids. The canoe is awash with money, sterling is leaking out fast and danger threatens.

There was nothing in yesterday's figures to take sterling off the "highly vulnerable" list. Furthermore, a weaker oil price is in the wind - something which spells good news for West Germany, Japan and the United States but trouble for the British payments and budget outlook.

Share and bond markets are reflecting the oil prospect, firming in New York and Frankfurt but making no progress in London.

The Chancellor may soon find himself back in his canoe.

Underwriting worries

The Bank of England's muted instruction to banks not to overdo their underwriting of British Gas is formally an isolated ruling for an isolated occasion - if only because its discussions are still going on over the general paper about large exposures by banks.

As it happens, the discussion document relates only to individual exposures and the overall underwriting rule is certainly likely to stand until the exposure rules are sorted out. It offers an intriguing pointer to the way things are going.

Underwriting has until now been seen almost as an exception to the general banking rules of prudence. It has proved a method for merchant banks in particular to gear up their operations to an unusual level in one particular area.

It also questions the underwriting of huge takeover bids by merchant banks for short periods pending sub-underwriting round the market.

The Bank's worries are justified, for the supervising authority has to look beyond today's fair weather to the storms that perennially follow. But any such rules will need to be judged on two different tests - their effects on the total underwriting capacity of the market and on the competitive position of smaller merchant bank groups compared with the giants.

On a global basis, restrictions on the exposure of any one bank are unlikely to affect London's total capacity significantly.

When it comes to flexibility, however, the story could look different. If only the likes of Barclays, Natwest, Nomura, Citicorp and Deutsche Bank can give an immediate yes, they will have an even stronger competitive advantage and the general speed of movement might be restricted.

That of itself might seem quite a useful backdoor way of controlling the excesses of mergermania, but would do so at the expense of the London financial services industry as a whole.

In practice, restrictions are more likely to accelerate the trend to fixed-underwriting syndicates

Whitehall statisticians could not offer any detailed reasons yesterday for the upward revision of the third quarter invisibles surplus to £800 million a month. The third quarter figures have not yet been fully worked through. But confidence is a fine thing. Not only is the July-September invisibles surplus revised by £200 million a month, but the estimate of the fourth quarter surplus has been lifted by even more, to £900 million a month. This, conveniently, was just enough to push the current account into surplus, by only £65 million.

Neither sterling down 0.3 on the index to 67.9 yesterday, despite some helpful dollar weakness, nor gilts was convinced. The gilts market initially rose on the announcement of the current account surplus but then fell back after examining the details.

The details are fairly gory. The trade deficit on manufactures widened last month to £872 million. In the past four months, Britain has run a deficit on manufactures of nearly £3 billion.

Treasury officials were at pains to point out that in the latest three months, imports of capital goods were far stronger than imports of consumer

goods. All that tells us is that Britain's lack of competitiveness is fairly widely spread.

COMPANY NEWS

BROWN & TAWSE: The company has acquired the business, stock and equipment of the tube division of the British and General Tube company from the liquidators for £1,550,000 in cash.

BORLAND INTERNATIONAL: For the six months to September 30 with figures in £000: sales revenue 14,572 (9,678), total costs and expenses 11,759 (7,493), operating profit 2,613 (2,185), interest (net) 372 (58), gain on foreign currency transactions 152 (nil), profit before tax 3,147 (2,243), tax 1,313 (1,063), earnings per share 4 cents (3.2 cents), fully diluted earnings per share 3.5 cents (3.0 cents).

FH LLOYD HOLDINGS: For the half year to September 27 an interim dividend of 1p (1p) will be paid on January 5. With figures in £000: external

sales - foundries 11,482 (10,681), steel 6,116 (7,345), engineering and services 7,155 (8,184), operating profit 454 (328), stock 281 (225), engineering and services 135 (448), exceptional debit 100 (20), interest receivable 57 (179 payable), pretax profit 827 (802), tax 250 (223), minority interests debit 27 (54), earnings per share 2.37p (2.18p).

FAIRVIEW: An interim dividend of 1.5p (0.75p) will be paid on February 10 for the half year to September 30. With figures in £000: turnover 4,379

(3,678), profit before tax 1,535 (1,216), tax 537 (490), earnings per share 3.64p (4.37p). The chairman is confident that growth will continue for the foreseeable future.

SAVAGE GROUP: At the annual meeting, the chairman told shareholders that the current year has started well and the management remains committed to the twin tasks of strong organic growth coupled with the acquisition of complementary hardware business.

TOMKINSONS: For the year to September 27, a final dividend of 2.75p will be paid on February 10 against an adjusted 3p making 4p (3p). With figures in £000, turnover was 2,062 (1,685), trading profit 1873 (1,228), interest receivable 16 (127), pretax profit 1857 (1,101), tax 668 (369), earnings per share 20.18p (12.65p).

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - Share prices were mixed as blue chips inched higher, but the market continued to trail with Limited Incorporated making an offer for Carter Hawley Hale.

At one stage, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.71 to 1,906.78 as falls led advances by a slight margin on 20 million shares.

Retail shares rose sharply while weak durable goods provided some lift.

Exchange hit by Smith exit

The Stock Exchange was last night bracing itself for a blow to its future with the imminent withdrawal from the trading floor of Smith New Court, its leading market-maker.

As foreshadowed in The Times several weeks ago, the firm is due to transfer all its floor dealers to its own electronic trading room early next year.

The decision follows a review of the trading pattern by Mr Tony Lewis, the chairman of Smith New Court, and his senior colleagues. They found that while there was no lack of business, their employees on the floor were less than happy with operating a personal business while maintaining a close view on the prices screens.

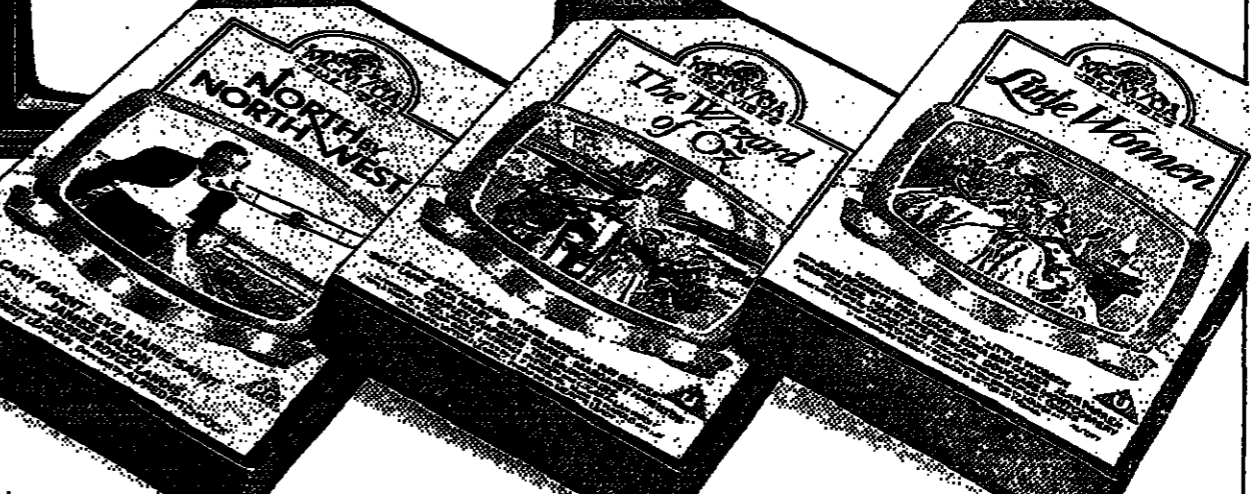
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First half:

Profit before
tax £100.8mEarnings per
share 8.8pDividends per
share 2.6p**Allied-L****1985/86**

First half:

Profit before
tax £122.6mEarnings per
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share 3.25p**Allied-Lyons!****1986/87**

First half:*

Profit before
tax **£148m**Earnings per
share **14.4p**Dividends per
share **3.9p**

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1986/87 First half: * profit before tax up 20.7%, earnings per share up 28.6%, dividends per share up 20.0%.

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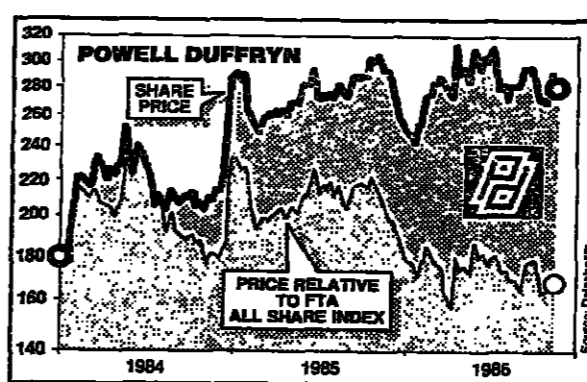
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Allied finds a successful brew

The disappearance of the Elders LXL takeover threat has turned the City's attention to Allied-Lyons' business fundamentals.



Otherwise, on estimates of £27 million (24.1p) for this year rising to £29.5 million (27p) for 1987-88, the shares are supported by the average yield alone.

There seems little to worry about. Turnover for the six months to September 13 was virtually unchanged at £1.7 billion, but pretax profit jumped by 21 per cent to £148 million.

will take its toll of Allied's balance sheet. Its present debt ratio of 21 per cent will rise to 80 per cent. Asset revaluations and disposals will reduce this, but it will remain above 65 per cent.

profit may be expanded. The return on capital earned by Powell Duffryn in the year - about 100 per cent - is well above what could be earned if the money was reinvested elsewhere.

The trend for larger continues at the expense of mild and bitter beers. Allied's larger sales form a little more than 48 per cent of total beer sales, compared with 45 per cent last year and 40 per cent for the industry as a whole.

Although the wines and spirits division remains competitive, it advanced to 9.5 per cent. Hiram Walker, viewed originally as a pill to poison Elders' bid, has strategic merit in its own right.

The prospects for the group's other activities are unexciting. The shipping division is being reorganized at a cost of £966,000, taken above the line. The one-off benefits have yet to be enjoyed, but the market remains competitive.

However the acquisition of Hiram Walker, should be finalized soon. The other 49 per cent will be owned by Gulf Canada. It is hoped that this partnership will produce a healthy business after years of static profits.

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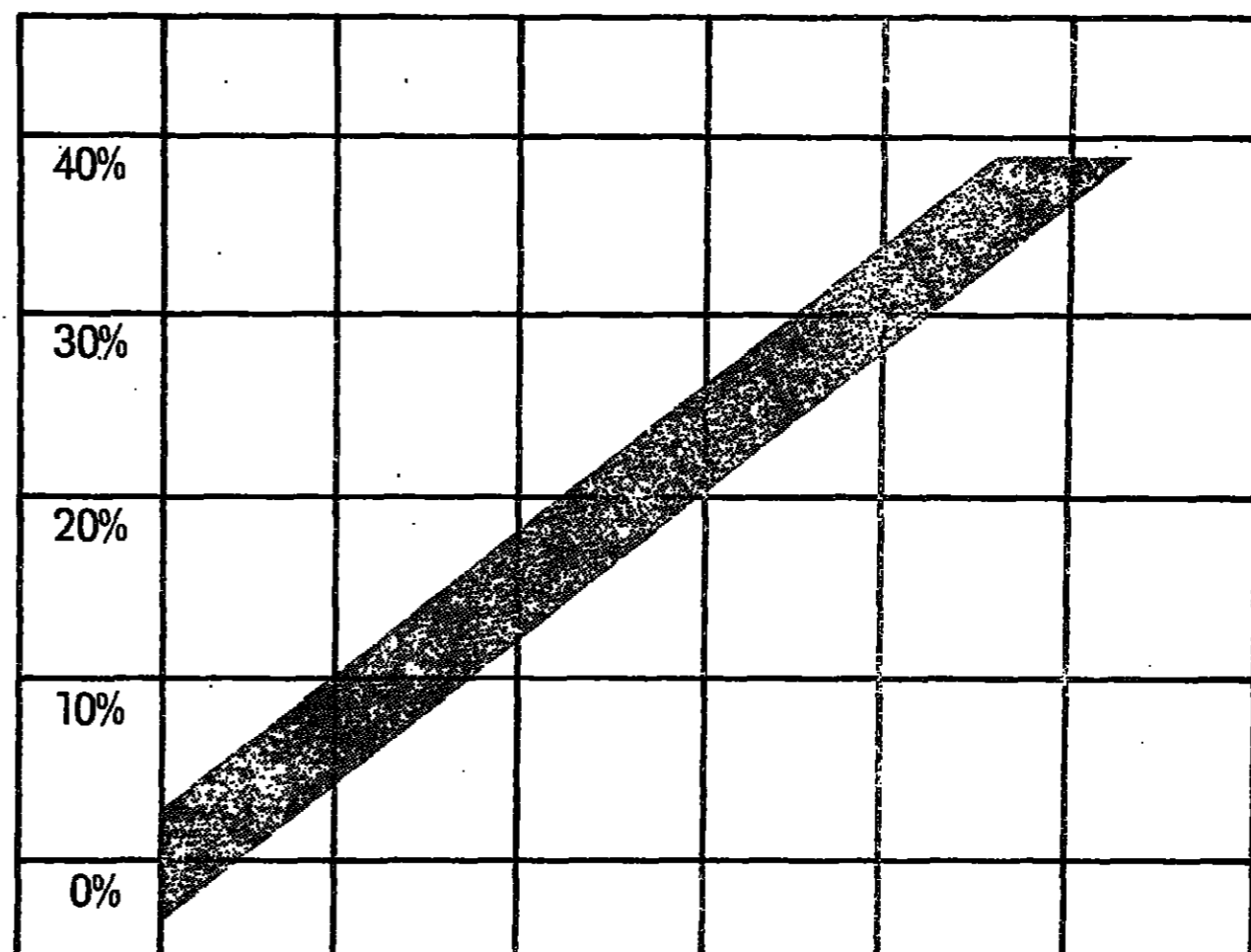
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Brazilians head for new coffee crisis

Alfonso, Brazil, (Reuter) — Abnormally dry weather in the coffee-growing regions of Brazil has increased fears of a second disastrous harvest.

Growers in the southern state of Minas Gerais, where some of the country's finest coffees are grown, said trees were starting to show signs of the drought conditions.

Although trees had shown some recovery after the 1985 drought, the fresh bout of dry weather and the intense heat, was beginning to cause fruit buds to yellow and fall.

"Every day without rain means a further drop in the crop," a buyer for a big exporting company in the region said.

Rainfall so far this year is between 14 and 16 inches below normal.

A seven-month drought in 1985 devastated the country's harvest. Brazil produced only 11.2 million bags of 132 pounds in 1985 — one-third of the 30 million bags produced in 1984.

The 1985 drought also damaged Brazil's chances of whitening away its large foreign borrowing and prompted the country to buy about 600,000 bags or 36,000 tonnes of coffee in London in September.

Confusion about whether Brazil, the world's largest coffee grower and exporter, would ship the tonnage home or resell it in London has seen world coffee prices tumble.

At present, coffee is selling for about \$1.50 a pound, compared with more than \$2 earlier in the year and about \$1.80 in September.

Analysts had said the original reason for buying 600,000 bags of coffee in London may have been to satisfy avid domestic coffee-drinkers and free better grades for export.

But the government, which was re-elected recently, may have delayed shipping during the politically sensitive election period because it did not want to be seen importing one of the country's most important exports.

Traders in Europe said yesterday that Brazil was likely to start importing the coffee bought in Europe soon.

Boesky likely to be sued for \$300 million damages

From Bailey Morris Washington

FMC Corporation has become the first of an expected wave of large corporations to indicate that it may sue Mr Ivan F Boesky for damages, estimated at more than \$300 million (£214 million), in response to the insider-trading case.

Company officials confirmed yesterday they were considering a suit although Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, announced a sweeping review of US insider-trading laws to be conducted by the White House Cabinet Council on economic policy.

The council will scrutinize closely not only insider-trading laws but regulations governing takeovers and the scope of authority exercised by the US Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and other agencies.

Mr Baker said he hoped to avert a "stampede or rush to judgment" until completion



Ivan Boesky: said to have made profits of \$200 million of the cabinet investigation and the present investigations by US Congressional officials.

Ms Mary McCue, an SEC spokeswoman, said: "We dispute the Journal story. The estimate is not borne out by the facts and is way too high."

Wall Street officials estimated that during the past week, the arbitrage community had made losses calculated at \$1 billion because of a sharp drop in the value of takeover-related shares.

Analysts said the abrupt halt to Revlon Group's \$4.12 billion hostile bid for Gillette Company, through a \$558 million buy-back agreement, dampened further the market for takeover shares.

"In the post-Boesky atmosphere, takeovers are under intense pressure," a top official of First Boston Corporation said.

Officials said Revlon would not have abandoned the takeover offer if it had not been relying on Drexel Burnham Lambert to raise funds for the hostile bid.

The decision fuelled reports that Wall Street's arbitrageurs had suffered their worst losses in the history of the business. Speculation grew that Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith had been particularly hard hit, losing up to \$60 million. But Mr James Flynn, a company spokesman, said the estimates were too high. He said Merrill Lynch had "suffered losses in the past 10 days like everyone else" but added that the losses were less than \$20 million.

FMC Corporation was named by the SEC as one of the targets of Mr Boesky's insider-trading scheme. It said he bought shares based on information supplied by an investment banker charged in an earlier insider-trading investigation.

The trading caused FMC's shares to jump in price, costing the company a reported \$360 million before it announced a \$2 billion capital restructuring plan.

No injunction against strike for third party

Barrett & Baird (Wholesale) Ltd and Others v Institution of Professional Civil Servants and Others

Before Mr Justice Henry (Judgment November 17)

Although an employee who went on strike in furtherance of a trade dispute with his employer might be liable in tort to a third party injured by his breach of contract, injunctive relief to prevent a union calling him out on strike would not be granted on that ground in the absence of any intention to injure the third party.

The plaintiffs, who were not concerned in the pay dispute, had brought the proceedings simply to restore order to their business and prevent further withdrawal of labour by the fustock officers.

The legal problem confronting the plaintiffs was to find a cause of action which had not been rendered immune by section 13(1) of the 1974 Act, which read "An act done by a person in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute shall not be actionable in tort on the ground only..." and then set out the specific torts in relation to which protection was given.

effect would be that any employee could not obey his union's strike call without leaving himself personally open to a claim in tort by a third party whose business happened to be affected by the strike.

It meant that while union officials were covered by statutory immunity for the giving of strike instructions, those who obeyed those instructions, or faced the possibility of losing their union cards if they refused, might still be personally liable in tort.

COMPANY NEWS

- CENTURY OILS GROUP: A dividend of 1.6p (1.5p) will be paid for the half year to September 30 on January 30. With figures in £000: turnover 45,580 (44,371), raw materials and operating costs 42,173 (41,054), other income 70 (56), interest payable and similar charges 933 (865), profit before tax 2,544 (2,508), tax 857 (1,080), minority interests 57 (51) earnings per share 6.64p (5.61p).
- LEIGH INTERESTS: For the half year to September 30 an interim dividend of 1.4p (1.3p) is to be paid on January 15. With figures in £000: sales 20,284 (19,342), pretax profit 855 (720), tax 299 (288), earnings per share 3.1p (3.0p).
- CHASE CORPORATION: The company is to pay an interim dividend of four cents per share on March 20 for the half year to September 30. With figures in \$000: profit 40,979 (17,563), after paying tax of 7,137 (7,334). The profit includes an equity share of associated companies profits after tax of 11,426 (702).
- ICI: The boards of ICI and Scottish Agricultural Industries (SAI) have reached agreement on the terms for the acquisition of ICI of the ordinary capital of SAI, beyond the 5,276,687 ordinary shares ICI owns already.

APPOINTMENTS

- Savage Group: Mr Don Wightman becomes group marketing director.
- Anglian Water Authority: Mr Andrew Semple is made managing director.
- United Guarantee (Holdings): Mr Richard Greenwood joins the board.
- British Linen Fund Managers: Mr James Miller becomes chairman.
- Rossmore Warwick: Sir Alan Veale is made chairman.
- Godfrey Davis Rent-A-Unit: Mr Derek Harwell becomes managing director.
- Wimpey Construction UK: Mr David Horner is made marketing director.
- Moore Stephens: Mr Terry Newman becomes a partner.
- Manufacturers Hanover Trust: Mr Gordon Resmoldson is made vice-president.
- Commercial Union Trust Managers: Mrs See Coomber becomes a director.
- Valin Pollen International: Mr Tom Marjono becomes group international director.
- Geer/Rosen Organisation: Mr Paul Rooke joins the board.
- Sealink British Ferries: Mr Christopher Garnett is made a director of the European sector and joins the Hoverspeed board.
- Megasat: Mr Brian North has become a non-executive director.
- Lattice Logic: Mr David Stinson becomes chairman.
- Racal-BCC: Mr J A D Timms is deputy chairman and Mr David Poole managing director.
- Racal-BCC and Racal Carleton: Bloomsbury Publishing: Mr Nigel Batt becomes finance director.



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Sentencing during parole

Regina v McKimmon (William Harold)

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Owen [Reasons November 20]

A person who had been released on licence under section 60(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, and sentenced to imprisonment in respect of another offence during the currency of the parole licence, was not entitled, under section 62(10), to be granted parole, should the sentencing court revoke that licence within one year of the revocation in respect of any sentence imposed on him.

to which he was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment on April 30, 1985.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that between May 1984 and January 1985 the appellant committed the offence

of the offence for which he was sentenced and paroled, and might be paroled in respect of any other sentence which had been imposed on him.

Exchange of medical reports

Graham v Watt-Smyth and Another

The High Court had a discretion under Order 38, rule 38, of the Rules of the Supreme Court to order the disclosure and exchange of expert evidence in actions for personal injuries where the pleadings contained allegations of medical negligence: the express exclusion of such actions from the scope of the similar discretion conferred by Order 38, rule 37, which was headed "Expert evidence in actions for personal injuries" was not to be construed as implicitly excluding such actions from the scope of rule 38, which was headed "Expert evidence in other actions".

Truth-drug evidence is inadmissible in court

Fennell v Jerome Property Maintenance Ltd

As a matter of principle, evidence produced by the administration of a mechanically or chemically or hypnically induced test or witness so as to show the veracity or otherwise of that witness was not admissible in an English court of law.

The court considered the subsection should be interpreted liberally and in the clear and easily understandable broader meaning that the embargo on any further parole during the currency of the sentence in respect of which the revoked parole licence had been imposed.

Further, to adduce such evidence, even if it was favourable to the plaintiff, would have the plain result of introducing previous consistent statements; the law had always stood out against such statements being given in evidence.

Even without the reference to Cross, his Lordship's own view was against the admissibility of such evidence. The ruling was confined strictly to one of principle, and did not extend to the reliability or unreliability of such evidence.

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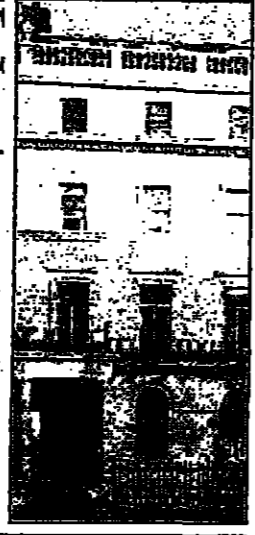
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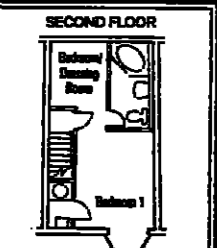
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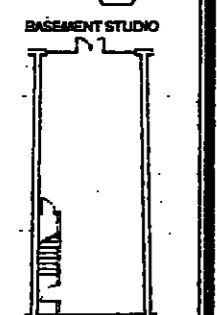
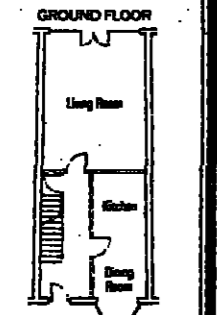
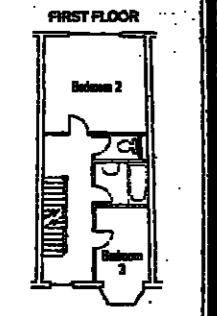
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Bank turns that second home wish into reality

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

The dream of buying a picturesque second or holiday home in the country, perhaps with a thatched roof, often causes the potential owner to wake up with a start when the financial realities dawn, and the cause is not only the purchase price; the cost of improvements can turn the dream into a nightmare.

But help is at hand. Barclays Bank has launched a new scheme extending its Home Mortgage Scheme to loans on second or holiday homes in the UK, and the scheme includes loans for improvements and refinancing - taking over an existing second-mortgage mortgage from another lender. Loans will be offered at Barclays' home mortgage rate.

To take advantage of the scheme, customers must occupy the property from time to time and letting must be on a holiday basis only. Mobile homes, houseboats and caravans are excluded.

The only other condition is that total lending, including loans on the main residence, does not exceed £200,000. The normal maximum loan will be 80 per cent, but borrowing up to 95 per cent will be allowed with additional security.

Second or holiday homes come in all shapes and sizes, and prices too, so that one man's second home would be another's main residence. At the expensive end, The Old Church at Manningford Bohune Common, near Pewsey, Wiltshire, is an interesting conversion created from the shell of the church built in 1859 but redundant for some years.

The adaptable accommodation includes two reception rooms and three bedrooms, with a central gallery landing. The property, in 1.75 acres, could also be used as an art gallery or antique centre. Mortimers of Marlborough are asking £157,000.

In Little Salkeld, Penrith, Cumbria, three conversions of buildings at Salkeld Hall are for sale. The Coachhouse, originally the very basic quarters of the coachman to the Hall, is entered by a door under the archway and has a sitting-room/kitchen and two bedrooms on two floors. Outgoings, including heating and maintenance, are about £1,000 a year. Price: £37,000.

The Hayloft, formerly the hayloft over the main four-bay stables, also has a sitting-room/kitchen and two bedrooms and, like the Coachhouse, has plenty of exposed beams. Outgoings are similar and the price is £35,000.

The third conversion is the Venetian



Is it that weathered golden stone, that rolling countryside, that back-in-time ambience or simply the nearby presence of royalty and pop stars that is making the Cotswolds the townies' pastoral paradise? Whatever the reason, cottages with 'scope for improvement' like 200-year-old Wanderwell, above, at Lower Oddington, Moreton-in-Marsh, are in great demand - even at £70,000 plus

a slate floor built above the stream. Miller and Company of Heiston are asking £87,500 for the freehold.

John D. Wood's Chippenham office is selling three thatched cottages in north Wiltshire. Church View, in Chittoe, a part-thatched house, is believed to date from the 15th century and is a pair of inter-connecting cottages, having been at some time a country inn and a farmhouse. Although 'perfectly habitable', the agents say there is considerable scope for improvement to form a spacious family house. Standing in three-quarters of an acre, it is for sale at around £125,000.

Harley Cottage at Hedington near Devizes has been modernized and offers around £130,000 are asked for this three-bedroom cottage in about three-quarters of an acre. St John's Cottage at Coulston, also modernized, has three bedrooms and a price tag of £87,500.

One of the difficulties with thatched properties is the insurance. For years insurers were wary of the risks and fixed high premiums accordingly. CGA (Insurance Brokers) specialists in the field and offers comprehensive thatch insurance policies. They claim their premiums compare realistically with those for tiled properties, helped by the scale of the operation, and cover thatched properties valued at more than £300 million. All insurances are underwritten at Lloyd's. Details from CGA (Insurance Brokers) Ltd, Icknield Way, West Lechworth, Hertfordshire. Phone: 0462 682377.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2

Fifteen flats for £5 million

Behind the imposing tiled frontage of the former Debenham and Freebody department store in Wigmore Street, London W1, has risen what is believed to be the first purpose-built apartment block in the area for at least 20 years. It is the second stage of a redevelopment by Ladbroke Group Properties, who let the 65,000 sq ft office content in August to a Langue Farbes subsidiary. The 15 apartments of one and two bedrooms, with two penthouses of two and three bedrooms, range in price from £155,000 to £295,000 with a total value of more than £5 million. Entered through a marble-lined foyer in Webber Street, designed by David Hone International, the apartments have fully-fitted kitchens and private car parking at £20,000 a space. The apartments have 99-year leases; sole agent is Keith Cardale Groves.



Healough Priory, near Tadcaster, north Yorkshire, is on the market for only the second time in its history as a separate house since 1150 when Bertram Haget established a priory. It was converted into an Elizabethan manor house in 1540 by Sir Thomas Wharton and passed by his family in 1714 to the Brookbank family who lived there until 1961. The present house, in Tadcaster stone, consists essentially of the dormitory of the priory, with some outbuildings. It has recently been restored and retains features, including two stone fireplaces dating back to the original dormitory. The house has two reception rooms, library, study and six bedrooms and stands in more than two acres, which include a group of farm buildings with planning consent for two houses. The York office of Humberst is asking £200,000

Energy-saver

The Round House at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, one of the most innovative houses built for the Energy World Exhibition, is for sale at £199,950 through John H. James' local new homes office. One of 50 houses built for the exhibition, the circular shape minimizes the external surface area to increase its energy efficiency. It has four bedrooms, two reception rooms around a spiral staircase, a swimming pool and conservatory. The same agent is selling two other exhibition homes - a low-energy, traditional four-bedroom house built by Brossley Homes, incorporating energy-efficient copper-based heating radiators, at £185,000, and the three-bedroom house developed by Constructive Individuals as part of a training course for people wanting to build their own home, at £24,995.

Don't knock the Docks

Prices in London's Docklands continue to delight developers and estate agents, astounded outsiders and cause potential buyers to dig deep into their pockets. While house prices elsewhere appear to be stabilizing after soaring this year, particularly in London and the South-East, records continue to be broken in Docklands.

A 2.35-acre site at Lawrence Wharf in Rotherhithe on the south bank of the Thames has been sold for residential development at £1.4 million an acre, which is claimed as the highest price yet for a development site in the Docklands. The sellers are Lawrence Wharf Ltd, the buyers ISLEF UK Ltd, a Danish-based property company. Outline planning consent provides for 108 habitable rooms on an acre, which, translated, means 56 flats of one to three bedrooms and 40 maisonettes with two or three bedrooms. The agreement provides for a riverside walk and full public access to the Nelson Dock.

William Beadles, partner of the Howell Brooks agency, commented: "The location is outstanding. Lawrence Wharf is on the eastern side of Rotherhithe, just beyond the Surrey Docks, and has the added advantages of an extensive river frontage and an adjacent public park. The purchase price reflects both this and the mounting demand throughout Docklands." The completion of this development is in the future; meanwhile two new developments are for sale. Cascades is a development by Kenish Homes at Westley Road on the Isle of Dogs, which brings back the tower block to east London. Twenty storeys high, it is aimed at the international community and high earners working in the City and eventually at Canary Wharf, the alternative

financial centre, when it comes to fruition.

Keith Preston, Kenish Homes chief, has spent time in the US studying building methods and is using that experience here, intending to sell the bottom floors and make them available for accommodation while the other floors are still under construction. To cater for the young and thrusting buyers, there will be a sports centre with a swimming pool, gymnasium and tennis court. The two- and three-bedroom apartments will cost from £105,000. (Agents: Alan Selby and Partners, The Trade Wharf, centred on two Georgian warehouses originally built by the East India Company for storing saltpetre, in Limehouse, is the latest development to come on the market from Regalian Properties, who have been closely involved in inner-city revitalization. Regalian is also the leading sponsor for the Building Communities conference in London, which opens tomorrow with a speech from Prince Charles.

There will be about 350 apartments, with boutiques, restaurants, a gymnasium and swimming pool. The first phase of 171 new homes starts from £120,000 for a one-bedroom apartment. Two-bedroom units will range from £165,000 (one bathroom) to £205,000 (two bathrooms) and a three-bedroom, three-bathroom apartment will be £275,000. Prices for apartments in the original refurbished 18th-century warehouses will be released shortly. The balconied apartments on each side of the warehouses all have fine river views, and the development stands within entrance gates with parking for all owners. CW

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Advertisement for Property Buyers' Guide London Properties, featuring various property listings across different London areas like South of the Thames, Dulwich, and Ladbroke Grove. Includes contact information for Taylor Parer and other agents.

Mobile barn

Green End Barn at Datchworth Green, Hertfordshire, was a six-bay barn with massive oak timbers built in 1860 at Olives Farm near Ware and dismantled recently to await a suitable location. Now rebuilt, it retains the character and space of the original building and adjoins a village green. Accommodation is on various levels and includes five bedrooms, a main reception room on two levels, and a flat above the garages. It has a swimming pool and gardens with open farmland on three sides. Hampton and Sons are seeking £750,000.

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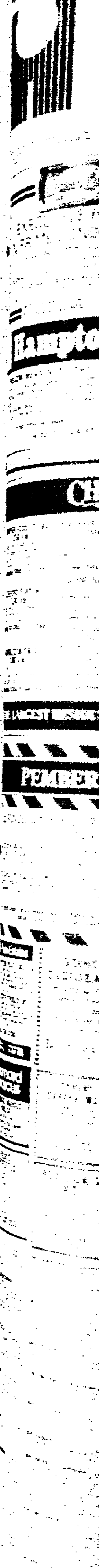
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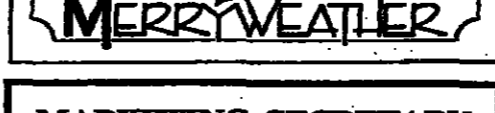
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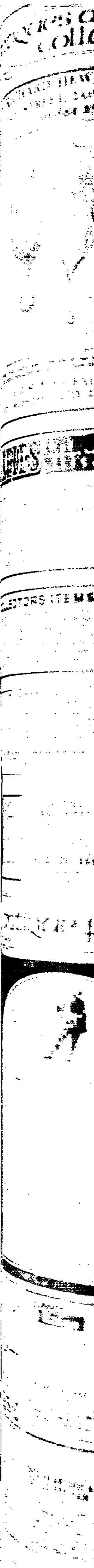
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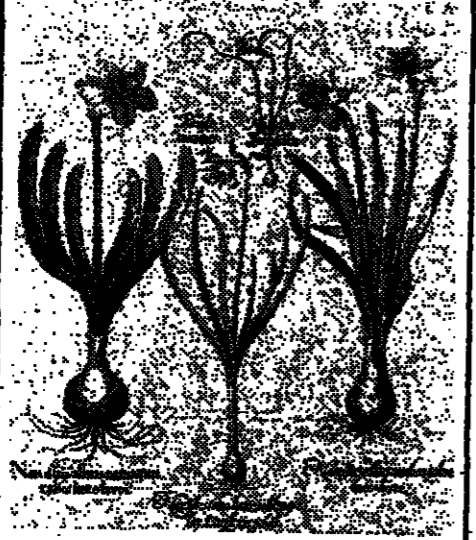


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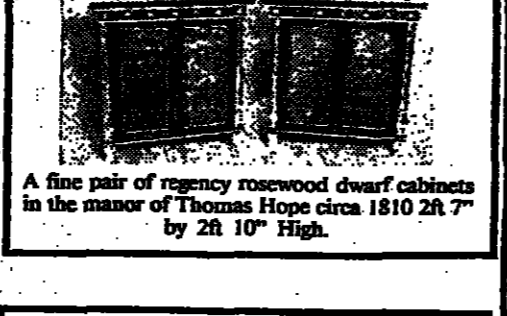


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Nine outsiders get the regional call

North and Midlands call upon nine players who compete in the first division outside their region for their opening game in the McEwan's district championship against Anglo-Scots at Richmond.

Behind the scrum the experience of Marshall and Brian Edwards will be needed in defence and attack, although Murray at full back, proved their most potent attacking weapon against Japan.

Stuart Johnston, the Watsonians scrum half, and his understudy, Julian Scott, of Stewart's-Merrill, have withdrawn also and are replaced by Hall (Boroughmuir) and MacDonald (Musselburgh).

Glasgow have lost Duncan, the Scotland winger, with a knee injury. Munro switches flanks to allow Manning, his Ayr team captain, to fill the left-wing position.

Davies the Sole deputy
David Sole, the Scottish loose-head prop, has not recovered from a shoulder injury in time to play for Bath in their John Smith's Merit Table A game against Gloucester at the Recreation Ground this evening.

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Two clubs dominate the first two divisional teams to be announced for the Thorn EMI championship which begins on December 6: Bath fill 13 places in the South-West side to play the North at Binnelands and Wasps offer 12 men to the London side which will meet the divisional champions, the Midlands, at the Wasps ground.

It is not surprising, Bath have confirmed their standing as England's premier club this season while Wasps, alongside Leicester, Nottingham and Harlequins, are in the pack vying at their heels.

The South-West, so disappointing in last season's championship, have asked David Egerton to play No. 8 though he has played so little this season his form is completely unknown.

Steve Bates returns at scrum half after one first-team appearance, though the London selectors must have been tempted to pair Simon Smith with his club partner John Cullen.

South-West Division (4 North)
South-West Division (4 South)
South-West Division (4 Midlands)

Non-capping ceremony

Four internationals have withdrawn from M R Steele-Bodger's XV, who will play the annual fixture with Cambridge University at Grange Road today.

Clément was a Welsh youth cap last season and has played regularly in a successful Swansea side this season, either at stand-off or centre. Smith is unlikely to miss divisional selection and Leles has become a dependable and frequently exciting member of the Exiles' back division.

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RACING

Bundle Boy can excel again in Arkle colours

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Anne, Duchess of Westminister's yellow and black racing colours...



Floyd (above) is 13-2 favourite with the sponsors for Saturday's Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle at Sandown...

Dickinson remains tight lipped over his future

By Michael Seely

Michael Dickinson spent yesterday in conference with his solicitors and accountants in London. Before leaving...

PLUMPTON

Selections

- 1.00 Beechwood Cottage. 2.30 Debbie's Prince. 1.30 Castle Talbot. 3.00 Maitredée. 2.00 Mister Donut. 3.30 Golden Croft.

By Michael Seely

2.00 Doubleaugan. 3.00 Maitredée (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top ratings: 3.30 GOLDEN CROFT.

Table with columns: Selections, Going: soft, 1.0 NOVEMBER NOVICE HURDLE, 1.30 ASTAIRE STOCKBROKER NOVICE CHASE, FORM, and 1.50 COURT OF HILL HANDICAP CHASE.

Guide to our in-line racecard

Table providing detailed race information including race number, name, distance, time, and various statistics for several races.

Western Sunset aims high

Western Sunset is likely to take on the start in Kempton's King George VI Chase on Boxing Day following his victory over Ivy-10 on favourite...

All-weather racing moves step nearer

The prospects of racing on all-weather tracks in this country have improved following yesterday's Jockey Club announcement...

Course specialists

Table listing winners, runners, and percentages for various courses and jockeys.

2.15 CHARTER HARDWARE NOVICE CHASE

Race card table for the 2.15 Charter Hardware Novice Chase, listing horses, jockeys, and odds.

Derby award for Stoute

Michael Stoute has won the International Racing Bureau's Derby Award for leading overseas trainer of 1986...

Polish Knight gives Brown training first

Alan Brown, formerly one of the leading northern jockeys, saddled his first winner as a trainer when Polish Knight held the title...

LUDLOW

Selections

- 12.45 Tinsel Role. 2.15 Golden Redeemer. 1.15 Bundle Boy (nap). 2.45 Maladiction. 1.45 Fishpond. 3.15 Socks Downe. 3.45 Autumn Sport.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.15 Bundle Boy.

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2.45 WOOLFORTH NOVICE HURDLE

Race card table for the 2.45 Woolforth Novice Hurdle, listing horses, jockeys, and odds.

3.15 LUDFORD HANDICAP CHASE

Race card table for the 3.15 Ludford Handicap Chase, listing horses, jockeys, and odds.

3.45 EBF STAKES NH FLAT RACE

Race card table for the 3.45 EBF Stakes NH Flat Race, listing horses, jockeys, and odds.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Large table detailing the results from three racing meetings: Huntingdon, Newton Abbot, and Wetherby, listing race names, winners, and odds.

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CRICKET

England are allowed to indulge their indifference

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

Yesterday held two surprises. The first was to find that only certain of the England players were practising...

With a vital Test match ahead of them and a wretched performance at Newcastle still fresh in their minds...

If they wanted to sleep off their jet-lag after Monday's flight from Sydney...

Instead only Athey, Broad, Slack, Whitaker, Richards, Dilley and DeFreitas were detailed...

It is six days since Lamb even went through the motions and all Gower and Botham have done in that time...

The lights, under which night cricket has already been played, are said to be more powerful than those in Sydney and Melbourne...

Although the pitch for Friday is the one which Hladie found much to his liking...

It is certainly a lot less green than I had expected, although even if it were not I imagine England would still play both their spinners...

Four years later, again in Australia, Murray suffered a similar fate when Parks, although not as good behind the stumps...

Bad light saves the day for Pakistan

From Richard Streeton, Karachi

What promised to be a thrilling finish to the third Test match between Pakistan and West Indies ended in anticlimax yesterday when the Indian umpires took the players off the field for bad light...

At that point Pakistan were 125 for seven, their backs firmly against the wall, with only a draw left to them...

With time of the last 20 overs gone, the tourists were pushed to take a new ball, but the umpires indicated to Richards, the West Indies captain, that they would take the players off if Marshall continued to bowl...

Richards said afterwards he was disappointed that his side had been deprived of their just reward...

In fact Pakistan were kept subdued for most of the day, with no one able to play the commanding innings needed...



Putting defeat behind him: Jahangir Khan leaves Norman in the background by proving the master again in Switzerland

Jahangir upholds the time-honoured traditions of the Pathans in Zurich

Revenge comes swiftly and naturally to the recently deposed king of squash

By David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent

The Pathan people of northern Pakistan, historic guardians of the Khyber Pass, do not accept defeat. The Russian did in Zurich on Monday night...

Baled like a man in a leaking boat

"I had to play faster and more physically, and use more wrist than in Toulouse," Jahangir said...

New spice in the rivalry

"I must make him run," Jahangir says with that languid smile. He does — and he did. Norman believes that if he can run long enough...

TENNIS

The simple, important truth

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The people who make things happen with the Lawn Tennis Association and British tennis as a whole, entertained the Press yesterday...

The only features of the relevant waffle to acquire a welcome and comparatively new emphasis was that clubs weren't doing enough to "sell" the game to their local communities...

Jan Pascock, the executive director of the LTA, made an astounding, and presumably embarrassing, assertion that Britain had more courts than any other nation in Europe...

With difficulty one sought to identify fresh straws in the wind. The only one was a familiar comment about British clubs and their failure to encourage juniors with court time and coaching...

The LTA had great hopes for the new scheme to accelerate the construction of indoor centres, for their singles-only national "ratings" tournaments...

The authorities think we're still little kids,' Pimek says

Another Czech son slinks slowly towards the West

For all their great achievements, Czechoslovakia's tennis players have a love-hate relationship with their sporting and political masters...

Libor Pimek, the tall 23-year-old who last week beat Henri Leconte, the world's No 6 player, on his way to the Benson and Hedges semi-finals...

"They think we're still little kids," Pimek told The Times in a surprisingly frank interview in a Wiesbaden dressing-room last weekend...

Martina Navratilova is on the one extreme, with Ivana Lendl rather close to joining her, while Klana Mandlikova is generally still officially approved of...

The roots of the problem go back to the system that has produced a steady stream of tennis stars, only to let them loose into a competitive, capitalist sporting industry...

Pimek, for example, was gathered in as a youth to one of the country's six or seven major tennis centres, where the youngsters spent five or six days a week eating, sleeping and playing tennis...

Many of the young players at these centres suffered a lonely existence, Karol Novacek, the world's No 35, for instance, came from a town about an hour's drive away and, like most of the others, she stayed in special accommodation in the city, visiting her family only at the weekends...

In Pimek's case, the whole family moved to be with their son. His father, a mechanical engineer, was able to change jobs, thanks to a tennis-mad factory boss...

Paul Martin

HOCKEY

Buccaneers stay top of the mast

By Sydney Friskin

Isca, who have won the premier division of the Sun Life West League nine times in a row, are in fourth place after their last match...

Both Buccaneers, who have won all four matches so far, are at the top of the table with 12 points — there are three points for a win — followed by Isca, Hereford and Isca, each with nine...

Cardiff stay at the top of the premier division in the South Wales League after their 12-0 victory over University College, Cardiff...

Cambridge City defeated Westcliff 7-1 but the win was not sufficient to unseat Old Loughtonians from the top of the North Union East League's premier division...

ICE SKATING

Robinson jumps to the fore

By John Hennessy

Paul Robinson, four times runner-up in the Tuborg Lager British Figure Skating Championship, is poised to occupy the centre stage once dominated by John Curry and Robin Cousins...

Robinson convincingly won the compulsory figure skaton at Solihull yesterday from Spencer Durrant and Christian Newberry, both skating on their home rink...

In Britain, Robinson is trained at Blackpool and Billingham by his German-born mother, Inge Dorn, but he has made fleeting visits to Canada to take instruction from Kerry Leitch...

This year, Robinson has spent the compulsory figure skaton in Kitchener, Ontario, and the fruits are about to be gathered in, it seems...

Yesterday, he laid down the best set of figures he has ever produced in a competition, according to his mother. "It should put him in a good frame of mind for the rest of the competition," she thought...

MOTOR RALLYING

Peugeot win appeal but result is unchanged

Paris (AP) — The world champion Peugeot team were cleared of cheating in the Italian San Remo Rally. But an international appeal court said that only the executive committee of the International Auto Sport Federation (FISA) could change the results of the Olympus to take the title...

Because of the uncertainty of the San Remo result, Peugeot will have to compete in the United States Olympus Rally from December 4 to 7 to ensure a chance of winning the World Rally Drivers' Championship...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Profit for Kangaroos

The Australian touring team have departed on their seventh tour of France knowing a profit of £115,620 from Britain. It has been a record-breaking tour by the 1986 Kangaroos in many respects...

BASKETBALL

Portsmouth pay tribute to Dassie

Tributes flowed in yesterday following the death of Larry Dassie, the Portsmouth player, who never regained consciousness after being thrown from his TR7 in a head-on collision on the A3, just south of Guildford, a week ago...

One of the most popular and regular American players to come to England, Dassie, aged 31, from Jacksonville, Florida, arrived in 1977. Dassie enhanced his experience at Kansas State University and played for a number of English clubs...

A dispute with his club and a previous accident in which he suffered a head injury, requiring 15 stitches, after being knocked off his bicycle, overruled Dassie from playing this season. He accompanied the team to their matches and it was on his way to a training session that his fatal accident occurred...

"We'll dedicate the rest of the season to him," said Colin Irish, his team colleague, with whom Dassie often stayed overnight when he was not travelling home to Wimbledon. "We'll do the best we can for him. He was a hell of a guy..."

Portsmouth will wear black armbands in Dassie's memory for their Prudential National Cup semi-final against Calderdale Explorers in Birmingham on Sunday. He leaves a wife, Susan, who is a school-teacher in Crowdon...

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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When memories are taken off the ice

● In striking contrast with the uncompromising realistic and intensely human subjects that we have come to expect of Desmond Wilton's *The Visit*, a strange air of unreality hangs over this week's film, *The Golden Voyage* (BBC1, 9.40). Spectacular nostalgia can have that effect, and when you add to it the element of make-believe, the poor old viewer doesn't know whether he is coming or going. It would have made some sense if the Britons whom we see making the sea crossing to the United States in commemoration of the maiden voyage of the liner Queen Mary 50 years ago, had been able to do it on board the Grand Old Lady herself. But as the movie is permanently moored, at Long Beach, California, the voyagers who are re-living their 50-year-old memories have to do so on board the next best thing, the

CHOICE

QE2. It is a bit like flying in Concorde to celebrate the first flight by air balloon. And, in any case, by the time the QE2 passengers eventually get to tread the decks of the Queen Mary, much of the magic has worn off thanks to some jokers that displayed a cool insensitivity to the golden wonder of the occasion. In this connection, Titanic echoes are stirred. One passenger recalls that when he told an acquaintance that he planned to book a seat for the Queen Mary's maiden voyage, he was advised to travel only on one of the French liners. Dirty they might be, with poor service, but at least there wasn't any nonsense about women and children first. ● Familiar only with those

Sylvester Stallone movies in which he plays the pugilist called Rocky. I want to see Stallone in *F.L.S.T.* (Channel 4, 8.00pm) with entirely the wrong expectations. Whatever the title may lead you to think, Norman Jewison's film has nothing to do with the fight game. There is much fighting in it, but not of the boxing kind. The violence in *F.L.S.T.* has to do with militant trade unionism in the Cleveland of the 1930s, and it covers the entire range, from punch-ups in the car park and heads being cracked open with clubs in street battles to truck drivers being shot to death at the wheel and trucks being blown up by fire bombs. Stallone (not God's gift to elocution, perhaps, but more sensitive an actor than you might expect, given his physical make-up) is the trade union boss who, like the teamsters' leader

Jimmy Hoffa in real life, gets involved with hoodlums. Essentially, *F.L.S.T.* is just a spectacular morality story with affinities with *The Godfather*, but, of its kind, it is undoubtedly well done. ● Colin Davis's four-part adaptation of Norman Collins's *London Belongs to Me*, already broadcast in the BBC World Service, gets off to a splendid start (Radio 4, 3.30pm). Thanks to many a deft touch in Eyad Williams's direction, all the characters in the house are already firmly in place in my imagination, and at the end of the first episode I was left with a genuine concern about their fates. Music highlight on radio tonight the definitive 1872 version of Mussogky's *Boris Godunov*, with Yedemir in the title role (Radio 3, 7.00pm).

Peter Davalle



US-bound on the QE2: Charles and Kay Collip (*The Golden Voyage*, BBC1, 9.40pm)

BBC 1

6.00 **Contax AM.**
6.30 News headlines followed by *The Flintstones.* (r) 6.55 **Weather.**
7.00 **Weekend Times** with Frank Bowler, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Michael Howard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry, is questioned on new consumer legislation by viewers and John Stapleton. 8.55 Regional news and weather. 9.00 News. 9.05 **Day to Day.** Robert Kirkby-Silk and his studio audience discuss a topical matter. 9.45 **Advice Show.** Margo Macdonald with news of two ways in which to prepare your house for the winter cold. 10.00 **Neighbours.** (r) 10.25 **The Westies.** (r) 10.35 **Philip Schofield** with children's television programme news. 10.30 **Play School.** (r) 10.50 **Henry's Cat.** (r) 10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Catherine Criller with a thought for the day. 11.00 **Day Out.** With Anglie Rippon in south Somerset. (r) 11.30 **Open Air.** Viewers have the chance to comment on television programmes. 12.20 **Championship Snooker.** Highlights from yesterday's matches in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship. 12.55 Regional news and weather. 1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Marilyn Lewis. 1.25 **Neighbours.** Weekday soap set in Melbourne suburb. 1.50 **Little Misses.** Little Miss Trouble narrated by Pauline Collins and John Alderton. 2.00 **Film: A Place for Mrs. Cima.** (1982) starring Betty Davis, Penny Fuller, and George Heath. A man-for-television drama about a widow who is diagnosed irreversibly senile, somewhat hastily in her view and also her grand-daughter's. Together they try to get the diagnosis reversed. Directed

BBC 2

by George Schaefer. 3.30 **Cartoon.** 3.40 **Save a Life.** A guide to emergency first aid. (r) 3.50 **Senior's House.** 4.00 **Animal Fair.** 4.05 **Healthbeat** and Co. Cartoon adventures of an alley-cat. 4.30 **Heartbeat.** Tony Hart's art class. 4.55 **John Craxie's Menorah.** 5.00 **The Children of Green Knowle.** Episode one of a new four-part adventure about a young man who is invited by his great grandmother to spend Christmas with her in her large and remote country house. Starring Alec Christie and Daphne Oxenford. 5.25 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. 5.45 **Weather.** 6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. 6.25 **London Plus.** 6.35 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests include Mariel Hemingway, Ken Livingstone, and Stephen Bayley. Plus music from Alison Moyet. 7.25 **The Clothes Show** includes Selma Scott being snapped by fashion photographer Tony McGee. (r) 8.00 **Dallas.** J.R. and Bobby find their control of Ewing Oil threatened by Wes Farmalee. (Coefax) 8.50 **Points of View.** 9.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** by the SDP. 9.10 **News** with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather. 9.40 **The Visit.** A documentary about the celebratory journey made on the QE2 by members of the public who were on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary, a half-a-century ago. (Coefax) 10.30 **Sportsnight** introduced by Steve Rider. Snooker: quarterfinal action in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship; Bowling: the heavyweight bout between Horace Nottle and Proud Kilmanjaro; Rowing: profiles of Steve Ridgway and Andy Holmes. 12.10 **Weather.**

BBC 2

9.00 **Contax.** 9.15 **Daytime on Two** cleaning the River Clyde. 9.25 **Contax.** 10.00 **For four- and five-year olds.** 10.15 **Science.** 10.30 **Science - Infra-red light and ultrasonic sound.** 11.00 **Words and pictures.** 11.17 **Farming red deer and salmon in Scotland.** 11.40 **Women factory workers and new technology.** 12.02 **Maths.** 12.25 **Working in the construction industry.** 12.48 **Sanskrit language course.** 1.10 **The story of English.** 1.38 **Comparing a one-man highland railway station with Glasgow Central.** 2.00 **Thinkabout.** 2.15 **Dutch and German celebrate Sinterklaas Day.** 2.35 **Championship Snooker.** Quarterfinal action in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship. 3.55 **Regional news and weather.** 4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** This afternoon's guests are Anthony Burgess, Carl Davis. Plus music from Marti Webb. 4.30 **Championship Snooker.** Further action from Preston. 5.30 **Cover to Cover** presented by Colin MacCabe. Actress Alexandra Figg talks about the Mills and Boon library; there is a discussion on Steven Bach's *Final Cut*, the inside story of the multi-million dollar Hollywood flop, *Heaven's Gate*; and Redmond O'Hanlon talks about his trip to the Amazon. **Film: The Russians (1984)** starring Glenn Ford and Henry Fonda. A comedy western about two horse wranglers who, try though they might, cannot amass the money they need to spend in a luxurious retirement on a tropical island. Directed by Burt Kennedy. 7.20 **Cartoon.** Tax Avery's *Screw Truant.* (r) 7.30 **BBC Design Awards** introduced by Janice Robinson and Christopher Frayling. A new competition for well-designed products, graphics, and designed spaces. 8.30 **Out of Court** presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook. 9.00 **M*A*S*H.** Henry arrives back from leave in Tokyo madly in love with a sweet young stunner. (r) 9.25 **Breaking Up.** Episode two of the four-part drama about the effect on a schoolboy of his parents' acrimonious divorce. 10.15 **The Trouble With Sex.** Christine Cox plays Mrs. libotson in this dramatization aimed at debunking the myths about VD clinics, or gynaecological clinics as they are now known. Mrs libotson has been referred to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, by her GP, and is in need of caring, sensitive treatment. 10.45 **A Party Political Broadcast** by the SDP. 10.55 **Newsnight.** 11.40 **Weather.**

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9.25 **Thames news headlines.** 9.30 **Schools.** Maths - the number 'ten' 9.42 **Eagle-saving hours.** 9.59 **Maths - Images.** 10.16 **Physics:** electron diffraction. 10.33 **Today in 10.16.** A poem by Dennis Burns. 11.00 **History:** The Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. 11.22 **Music for celebration.** 11.30 **A.** 12.00 **The Gladys Gay Show.** (r) 12.10 **Our Backyard.** (r) 12.30 **Spirits.** Tim Brocklehurst continues his exploration of interesting places made more accessible by the M25 Orbital Motorway. 1.00 **News at Ten** with John Suchet. 1.20 **Thames news.** 1.30 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial about a health clinic serving a rural Australian community. 2.30 **Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan does wonders with a hen shank on the bone. 3.00 **Take the High Road.** Evidence gathered that there has been a prowler at both the Leichter Croft and at Lettr-Faloch. 3.25 **Thames news headlines.** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.** 4.00 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends.** Narrated by Ringo Starr. 4.10 **The Tale of the Dog.** A new selection of obscure plays. 4.45 **Hold Tight.** Includes guests, Buddy Curuse and the Grasshoppers, and the Ward Brothers. Presented by Jacqueline Radd, Michael Waterman and Peter Simon. 5.15 **Blockbusters.** 5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart. 6.00 **Thames news.** 6.30 **Help on the eve** of the first International Community Architecture Conference, community architects, planners, and designers answer viewers questions. 6.55 **Crossroads.** Benny is helped by Dianna. 7.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn

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Andrew lays an ambush for another unsuspecting wronny. 7.30 **Coronation Street.** Alf gives Mike some advice, and Mike Baldwin discovers how tough his young wife can be. 8.00 **Strike it Lucky.** Michael Barrymore presents another round of the quiz game show that uses the most up-to-date technology. 8.30 **The Benny Hill Show.** A compilation of sketches from the master of innuendo's previous shows. 9.00 **News** with Alastair Stewart. The weekend in the country before the young man departs for the delights of Parisian life. But the dream of a quick marriage weekend is shattered by murder and mayhem. Starring Edward Woodward and William Zabka. (Oracle) 10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** by the SDP. 10.10 **News** with Alastair Stewart and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines. 10.40 **Midweek Sport Special** presented by Nick Owen. Football: news of the UEFA Cup third round, first leg matches, and Littlewoods Cup fourth round replays. Skating: highlights of the Tuborg British Figure Skating Championships. 12.10 **That's Hollywood.** The songs and composers of the musicals. 12.35 **Night Thoughts.**



Sylvester Stallone in *F.L.S.T.*, the Hollywood-made film about a trade union leader (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's debates in the House of Lords. 2.30 **Film: The Gang's All Here.** (1936) starring Jack Buchanan and Goggin Whithers. John Forrest is brought out of early retirement from his insurance investigator's job when a fortune in jewels is stolen from his former firm's safe. Directed by Thornton Freeland. 4.00 **Mevis on 4.** In this week's edition of Precipitations, mavis Nicholson explores the problems of alcoholism. 4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by Doreen Whyte from Eastleigh, Hampshire. Richard Whitley is the questionmaster, assisted by Jill Davis as adjudicator. 5.00 **Ice Skating: The Tuborg British Figure Skating Championships.** Introduced by Nick Owen. The commentators are Simon Fraser, Bob Callaway, and Nicky Slater. 5.30 **Hogan's Heroes.** Vintage American comedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war who make life hell for their captors. 6.00 **The Abbott and Costello Show.** Bud and Lou go on a hunting trip and meet a very frisky grizzly. 6.30 **Time of War: Soldiers of the Rising Sun.** Excerpts from the anti-Japanese propaganda film - *And Then Japan*, and the bitterly racist Canadian-made *The Mask of Nippon*. (Oracle) 6.45 **News.** Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. 7.50 **Comment.** This week's political slot is filled by Gerry Neale, Conservative MP for North Cornwall. 8.00 **Looking into Paintings.** The first of a series of six programmes aimed to stimulate interest in visiting art galleries and museums, beginning with the Mona Lisa. (r) (Oracle) 8.30 **The New Enlightenment.** In part three of his series Professor Kenneth Minogue examines the way society makes the most of the potential of its people, looking in particular at the family and educational policy. 8.00 **Film: F.L.S.T. (1978)** starring Sylvester Stallone and Rod Taylor. Drama with Stallone as the leader of a striking union battling to improve his members' conditions and also the unwelcome attentions of a rival union. Directed by Norman Jewison. (see Choice) 11.40 **Jocote Holland** in Performance at the Snug Harbour Club, New Orleans. 12.10 **Their Lordships' House.** Ends at 12.25.

VARIATIONS

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SPORT

Sangster relies on old ally Hills for Manton hot seat

By Charles Beason

Barry Hills will today take over the reins at Manton's racing establishment on behalf of Robert Sangster. This follows the dramatic dissolution of the partnership between Sangster and Michael Dickinson on Monday.

The decision to insert Hills, who will also remain in charge of his own South Bank stables at Lambourn for the next year, was made over a long and intricate session at Scott's restaurant in the West End of London yesterday.

Hills was reluctant to step into another man's shoes until he received full reassurance that the breakdown between Sangster and Dickinson was complete. Also present at the meeting was Sangster's financial director, Ken Paul.

Hills, 50 next April, first took out a trainer's licence in 1969 after serving his apprenticeship with Fred Rimell and Jack Colling.

He gained his first classic success in 1978 with Enstone Spark in the 1,000 Guineas and followed up the next season with Tap On Wood, who gave the newly-arrived Steve Caution his first classic victory in the 2,000 Guineas.

Success in the Derby has eluded him but he has twice saddled the runner-up in Hawaiian Sound and Rheingold, who went on to win Europe's most coveted prize, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, as a four-year-old.

His other big-race triumphs include the Ascot Gold Cup in 1984 and 1985 with Gildoran and the 1974 Irish Oaks with Dibdale.

The appointment of Hills has quickly ended the speculation as to who would be Dickinson's successor. When Sangster was deliberating possible solutions in Australia three weeks ago, his top trainer there, Colin Hayes, offered to fill the gap while a

younger man was appointed. The Los Angeles trainer, John Gosden, an Englishman who is now among the leading members of his profession in the United States, was also mooted as a possible replacement at Manton.

Sangster also considered the top South African trainer, Terence Millard, whom he regards as the southern hemisphere equivalent to Vincent O'Brien.

Among the home trainers, the short list consisted of Hills, Charlie Nelson, and Bill Watts, all of whom train for him already.

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Hills, though, was the obvious choice. A lifelong friend of Hills, Sangster has always kept and guaranteed a strong hand of horses at South Bank, even when installing Dickinson as his private trainer.

For most of the past 12 years, Sangster has fielded a team of about 30 horses with Hills and it was no surprise that the owner, thrown into a turmoil by the latest problem, should turn to Hills, for whom he has the greatest possible professional respect.

The principal difference between the new set-up at Manton and the old, when Dickinson had to manage only the 46 Sangster horses, is that Hills, as a public trainer, can bring up to 50 animals with him from Lambourn.

These will include horses owned by Sheikh Mohammed and Khalid Abdulla, this year's leading owners, who have both indicated their enthusiasm for the new deal.

Both recognize Manton as an ideal training establishment and the presence of their horses will strengthen and bring balance to the Manton team.

While it may have seemed easy for Sangster to fall back on his friend, Hills, he thought long and hard about most of the other possible candidates. He was greatly touched, for instance, by the immediate offer of Hayes, doyen of Australian trainers and a prolific winner-producer there, to come to the rescue.

This initiative occurred earlier this month, shortly before the Melbourne Cup, which Hayes won with At Talah. He included in his offer his two very able sons, one his assistant, the other a trainer in his own right.

The matter of Gosden is more complicated. He is a good friend of Sangster, who helped to set him on his way in Los Angeles, a career which has landed him at the very top of the tree and was initiated, among other big winners, by success in the Breeders' Cup Mile with Royal Heroine two years ago.

Gosden feels a great loyalty to Sangster but, having enjoyed some long and fruitful conversations with him in Los Angeles recently, I detected an urge to remain in the States, where he has been so successful, for a few more years yet. Gosden, the son of the late Towser Gosden, will undoubtedly return home in due course.

As for Nelson and Watts, they will continue to train for Sangster and are very much in the forefront of his future plans.

But, with the old stables at Manton due to be renovated as a back-up to the 60 new boxes used until now by Dickinson's string, a new era will begin.

If Hills cannot deliver the goods, he and Sangster must look at each other and wonder what next.

Competition or recreation?

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

The rival claims of competition and recreation on the state educational curriculum will be discussed today by representatives of more than 50 bodies in a seminar, "Sport in Schools", chaired by Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister.

The seminar, in London, is the climax of a year-long inquiry set up by Mr Tracey amidst mounting concern that competitive sport — particularly team games — is suffering in schools.

The backdrop of the meeting consists of both the teachers' dispute, with its drastic effect on the supervision of sport, and also a clash between different philosophies of teaching physical education.

On the one hand, there is the belief in the importance of traditional sports for pupils and the encouraging of competition. On the other is the theory that the less-gifted pupils must be helped to find pleasurable and rewarding activities that they can continue as adults.

The day-long seminar will be attended by Mr Tracey and officials of the Department of Education and Science and, after a plenary session, the meeting will break up into four groups to discuss different topics.

These will be: the curriculum, particularly competition

and recreation; facilities in schools and the supervision of extra-curricular activity; teacher leadership and coach training and links between schools and clubs; and the role of local authorities and sports governing bodies.

Representatives from such organizations as the British Olympic Association, the Sports Council, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the National Cricket Association, the Football Association, the Lawn Tennis Association and the British Amateur Athletic Board will give their views, as will several teaching organizations.

The latest disturbing report, published last week, was the result of a survey by the Secondary Heads' Association. It found that there had been a substantial decline in the number of non-specialist physical education teachers willing to help with school sport.

Only 20 per cent of secondary school pupils have the option to swim, only a fifth of secondary school pupils have as much as two hours a week of P.E., and about two-thirds of sixth-formers attend schools at which games are optional.

About a half of the local education authorities have no published policy at all that recognizes the importance of P.E., and less than half have a policy to ensure that all schools have the minimum Department of Education area of usable playing fields.



Winning formula: Ted Toleman (centre) with co-drivers Rad Dougall (left) and Barry Lee (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Intrepid Toleman back on the road of discovery

By David Duffield

The sedate Dorchester hotel in London is a long way from the Sahara and humid seashore at Dakar, but it provided a typical British setting to launch the intrepid Ted Toleman on another of his sporting ventures — the Paris-Dakar Rally.

For 22 days starting on January 1, 270 cars, 130 motor-cycles, and 80 trucks (lorries) will take part in what is billed as "the last great adventure on wheels."

Less than one-third of the vehicles leaving Paris are expected to last the 8,000 miles to Dakar. Averaging nearly 500 miles per day, the route is through France, Spain, and then an all-out onslaught across the deserts of Algeria, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal.

The 1987 event will be the ninth Paris-Dakar rally. Although it received some

notoriety three years ago when Mark Thatcher got lost in the Sahara desert, it has not received any great following in the UK. Toleman and his team plan to change that.

Backed by £150,000 and the support of Range Rover Parts Division, Bridgestone Tyres, Shell and, appropriately considering the hot desert stretches, Dansk Low-Alcohol Lager, Toleman's entry will be a very much modified 240bhp Range Rover.

Another Range Rover "chase" car, a long-wheelbase Land Rover, an aircraft, and other strategically placed vehicles will be used to help service the operation. Each year, the desert tracks and sand dunes are littered with crashed and abandoned cars, motor-cycles and trucks. To finish is an achievement.

Toleman said: "I have gone for team spirit. For three weeks effort you need very

special people." Driving with Toleman will be Barry Lee, four times world hot-rod champion, but with considerable rally experience having competed in the RAC rally five times. The other co-driver will be Rad Dougall, an automotive engineer and former formula two driver.

For Toleman, millionaire businessman, skipper of the ill-fated *Virgin Atlantic Challenger 1*, and ex-formula one race team owner, this represents yet another challenge.

To mark the occasion, Gieves and Hawkes, whose headquarters once belonged to the Royal Geographical Society, have provided the official off-duty uniforms and, for Toleman, a replica of the consul's cap supplied by Gieves to David Livingstone 115 years ago. They obviously presume he will arrive at his planned destination.

SQUASH RACKETS

Harvey's tactics reap a fine reward

By Colin McQuillan

Neil Harvey, the seventh seed at the InterCity national championships in Bristol, yesterday continued to defy the 1986 men's rankings by totally outplaying Geoff Williams, the former champion, second seed, and for many the favourite for the title.

In a 71-minute quarter-final, Harvey, a stocky Londoner, fought back from two sets down to record a fine 2-9, 7-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-0 victory.

Harvey has been long troubled with severed thigh muscles and has scarcely featured in national lists for a couple of years. He last reached a national semi-final in December 1983. Today he meets Mark Maclean, aged 22, who defeated Philip Whitlock, of Devon, 9-0, 10-8, 4-9, 1-9, 9-4 in 89 minutes to become the first Scotsman to reach a national semi-final.

Harvey's win was a tactical triumph on the all-transparent perspex court, erected temporarily for the occasion at Temple Meads Station. He was confident he could force Williams into a negative approach by staying in the match early on and playing "certain shots" he knows frustrate the fast front-court approach of the tall left-handed 1984 champion.

Outpaced in the opening game, Harvey came back from 1-6 down to challenge for the second, then simply exploited the failing resolve of his highly-fancied opponent.

"It was a nightmare," said Williams, the sixth of the top eight seeds to go out here, as he sat dejectedly beside the court on which he had hoped to re-establish his national supremacy. "I just seemed to run out of steam. I can't explain it."

Maclean used almost the same words as he lay prone, but victorious, in exhaustion after his titanic tussle with Whitlock. The tall Scot played with supreme authority to take the first two games, but then became embroiled in a debilitating fight-back from Whitlock.

It seemed the Devon player, who like Williams trains with Jonah Barrington, the former world champion, had broken Maclean by the end of the fourth game. But there are great reserves of strength and courage in the man who last year ended the 20-year undefeated domestic record of Barrington himself.

Painfully exhausted and still suffering from the effects of a stomach bug, Maclean returned to court for the fifth game with astonishing resolve, resisted repeated attacks at 4-4, and finally clinched his semi-final place with a superbly balanced cross-court forehand volley to the mid-court nick.

Interestingly, Harvey finished off Williams with precisely the same shot.

Scots lose
Scotland were beaten 5-2 by Sweden in their Prudential Cup badminton international at Wishaw on Monday night. The Scottish wins came in the men's doubles through Dan Travers and Billy Gilliland, the Commonwealth Games gold medalists, and Alex White and Iain Pringle.

Jones not put off his act by distraction

By A Correspondent

Wayne Jones ignored outside distractions to focus his attention on reaching the first big quarter-final of his professional career at Preston's Guildhall yesterday.

A former Welsh amateur champion, Jones, aged 26, patiently and often skilfully opened up a 4-3 first-period lead over the more experienced Eugene Hughes in their best-of-17-frames third-round match in the £300,000 Tennant's United Kingdom Open.

Jones began confidently, clinching the opening frame 64-23 before stepping up to compile his first-ever televised century break. The break of 106 ended as Jones missed the yellow, with all the colours conveniently placed on their spots; but by then he had done more than enough to go 2-0 ahead.

Hughes produced a break of 46 to reduce the arrears but Jones went 3-1 in front, taking the fourth frame 69-38. Hughes made it 3-2, wrapping

SNOOKER

Threat of long ban on Higgins

By John Goodbody

Alex Higgins, the former world champion, is today facing the threat of a long suspension after allegedly hitting a tournament director in the face when asked to take a routine drug test.

"Clearly this is the most serious incident snooker has ever had," Rex Williams, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, said yesterday.

Eight board members of snooker's world ruling body will consider Higgins' case, but the player has not been asked to attend.

Higgins, who on Monday night beat Mike Hallett in the third round of the Tennant's UK Open at Preston, had to be escorted out of the building by police after refusing a drug test ordered by the tournament director, Paul Hathrell.

John Spencer, three times world champion and a member of the board, said: "There was physical contact between Alex and Paul. I believe Paul was head-butted. He has got a cut over the eye."

The police were called by the security staff at the Preston Guild Hall after Higgins had to be physically restrained by officials. The police are not raising any charges against Higgins although Hathrell has told them he will not be making a formal complaint.

According to witnesses, Higgins was swearing and shouting at the top of his voice, exclaiming "I am killing myself. It is all down to television. Do you want to 'chin' me?" Higgins yesterday declined to comment further on the incident. His manager, Howard Kruger, said: "I have spoken twice to Alex but we feel it would be better to spend time sorting things out. I have no further comment at the moment."

Botham plan

Charlie Elliott, the Derbyshire committee member, confirmed yesterday that his county are keen to sign Ian Botham, but said that no approach would be made before the New Year. Elliott is in Perth, where the second Test starts on Friday, and his arrival had started speculation that he had been sent to open negotiations, but he denied this.

Grand prix for Japan

SPORT IN BRIEF

Skipper hurt
Fremantle (Reuters) — Aldo Migliaccio, skipper of the America's Cup challenger Italia, has sustained several broken ribs in a car accident. Migliaccio was driving to a party in Perth when the accident happened.

Jones debut

Murray Jones, the stand-off half, who broke all points scoring records at Stourbridge before joining Moseley last summer, makes his senior debut against Fyde at the Reddings. He has been injured for most of the season.

Quiet men

Football Association and League officials remained tightlipped last night after a meeting at Lancaster Gate, London, to consider the "on-going relationship" between the two bodies. The League are demanding a larger say in everyday affairs. The League president, Philip Carter, emerged from the 75-minute meeting to say: "It went well" and Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, insisted "no problems" before hurrying away.

Pioneer dies

Wengen, Switzerland (Reuters) — Ernst Geretsch, founder of the famous Lauberhorn classic downhill and slalom races and a pioneer of Alpine climbing and skiing, died yesterday, aged 86.

El Botánico

My family and business have been associated with the Canary Islands since 1894 and over 20 years ago we decided to create a residential area which has now become the most sought after in Tenerife.

Grand prix for Japan

Paris (AFP) — Formula one motor racing will return to Japan for the first time in a decade next year. The grand prix has been fixed for November 1, 1987, following formula one contractors' association chief, Bernie Ecclestone's trip to Japan to finalise the deal with the organisers.

Quiet men

FISA, the international autosport federation, announced yesterday that Ecclestone had signed the necessary contract for the race, to be held at the Suzuka circuit. The track, on which major work will have to be carried out, is currently under inspection by a FISA official.



Millichip: "no problems"

No need to run scared of the law

By Derek Wyatt, former England rugby winger and now Richmond coach

I attended the Bedford centenary dinner last month. It was the usual customary evening of good fellowship and three less-than-Christlike speakers. Luckily, the occasion was redeemed by an amusing speech by Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union.

He complimented the previous speaker on his mastery of the single crotchet and rapidly suggested it was becoming necessary to hold probationary officer skills to be a successful coach today.

He had a point. The New Zealand/South Africa court case, the David Bishop affair, the South Wales Police ban, the London Welsh-Moseley fracas, and now my own club's treatment last Saturday at the hands of Swansea showed that it's not just the services of the probation officer that will be required in Welsh rugby. All rugby clubs will need the services of their solicitor more and more.

Spent has far too long remained outside the law. Last year, Hirao, the Japanese centre, came to work in London. Rag Clark met Hirao when he was working in Kobe, Japan, and recommended he join Richmond.

What happened? One of the most exciting players in the world was denied the opportunity to play in merit table matches because the RFU had ruled that players from overseas had to belong to a club for three months before they were eligible. I asked the Richmond committee to select Hirao and take the consequences. I lost.

Chance lost to see leading player

was convinced we would have won the case (had we used the RFU) in the European Court of Human Rights.

A fortnight ago, the Richmond playing committee was told by the RFU that although it had informed us that the London merit table fixtures were obsolete, it had discovered a loophole and would therefore have to rescind a new by-law. Ten weeks into the season I was told that matches that had been won or lost would now count for next year after all. Well, you'll forgive me if my reply was to sue the RFU for negligence.

And all this activity is off the field. Imagine what the players make of these ridiculous situations. Were it not for 15 England players playing two internationals a year at Twickenham, there would be no full-time staff at headquarters, no technical administrators, indeed no Rugby Football Union and there certainly wouldn't be this glut of money that currently exists.

There then is the matter of litigation going on behind the scenes concerning the sponsorship of the World Cup and West Naffly, the official

Administrators lost touch with base

marketing company (which has just received a timely cash injection). All this does to the players is to demonstrate that our administrators, especially the full-time salaried officers, have lost touch with base.

Rugby in the leading clubs has never been in such a healthy state. County and international rugby is sick. My own players have been threatened by county selectors and told that if they don't play, then their names will not be put forward for the divisional side. County men run scared because one day they'll lose their power base to the clubs.

The two merit tables have been widely welcomed, as will the leagues. Richmond are well aware that just because they are the second oldest club in the land, they can still end up in merit table C. To this end, a radical set of solutions has been agreed to ensure that on and off the field we secure our future status. But that doesn't mean to say that I have adopted a win-at-all-costs philosophy.

One player thinks the example set by Liverpool in football and Leicester in rugby should be emulated. When as on Saturday, Simon Smith, our talented fly-half, is openly ranked a minute into the game and the club's checks were the referee is before he does it, and then five or so minutes later Chris Mills, our prop, is punched so badly that he loses vision in one eye and the club has to arrange a world leading eye-specialist, of course, I'm angry.

I'm angry because both incidents do a disservice to the game and to the clubs involved. Police were in attendance at the ground on Saturday and could quite easily have arrested both Swansea players. They would have, had the incident occurred a mere 100 metres away.

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